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THE CAPITAL.

Senator Vance Defines His Position—Fresh Light on the San Domingo Scheme, &c.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1870.

SENATOR VANCE.

The letter from the Senator elect, Vance, from North Carolina, published here to-day in reply to certain accusations against him, excites much comment. He declares that he acquiesces and will maintain all legitimate results of the late war, and that he earnestly desires the unity and perpetuity of the whole country, and its prosperity and honor.

SAN DOMINGO.

The fact has come to light that early in 1869 the commander of the United States steamer Wyoic, then at Port au Prince, was directed by the Secretary of the Navy, at the request of the President, to make a thorough investigation as to the condition of San Domingo, politically, financially, and otherwise, with a view to negotiations for the purchase of that country.

This officer, Commander Selfridge, carried out his instructions fully and made a long written report to the President, giving all the facts which came under his observation, and concluded by expressing his judgment that the purchase of the San Domingo portion of the island would be a constant and serious trouble to this country, and in no respect whatever, advisable.

This report was never permitted to become public property, its contents being known only to officials in the highest authority, and was placed, for fear that it would prove disinterested to the annexation scheme.

TRANSPORTATION OF SPIRITS.

J. E. Bogg, agent of Lord Bros. & Hobson, New York, representing numerous Western distilleries, had an interview with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Acting Commissioner of the Internal Revenue, and others. His object was to procure the passage of a law allowing transportation of spirits in bond from the West to the Seaboard. The Secretary said there would be no unnecessary obstacles placed in the way of the exportation of surplus stock, but that the Department would not sanction any bill unless properly guarded to prevent frauds. The subject after the holidays will be brought before the Committee of Ways and Means.

AN ATTACK PROMISED.

A Prussian column was observed approaching Foulsicout and Rheims, supposed to be on the march for Leon, Laferee and Chauny, to attack the French Army of the North.

GARDE MOBILES DEFEATED.

A body of Garde Mobiles have been defeated by the Hanoverians, under General De Voegholt, at Illiers, beyond Meanale, a town in the Department of the Indre et Loire, eight miles north by northeast of Tours.

THE FRENCH SURPRISED.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Germans under Gen Von der Goltz, have surprised the French at Laugris, Department of Haute-Marne, and driven them from their position with a heavy loss. Many prisoners and a large quantity of arms and baggage were taken.

FRENCH PRINCES' MOVEMENT.

A special correspondent of the *Tribune*, at Verona, telegraphs to-day that the reported movement of Prince Charles is partially contradicted by an official war correspondence, which says it would be advisable to give the information we have received from Roumania no greater significance than properly attaches to it.

THE SIEGE OF PARIS.

The special correspondence of the *Tribune*, at Versailles, under date of the 15th says that the feeling among the officers of the besieging army is that Paris will hold out well into next month. Careful preparations are making for such a contingency, and the various corps in the provinces are moving, so as to shut of, if possible, all hopes of rescue. Gen. Trochu is expected to give the Parisians some more desperate fighting about Christmas time.

WAR ITEMS.

Dispatches from French sources say Bourbaki effected a junction with Chanzy on Tuesday, and defeated the German army on its retreat from Tours, capturing two thousand prisoners.

The Army of the Loire now numbers three hundred thousand men.

A Versailles dispatch says that another sortie was attempted yesterday by three divisions of the French. The Prussian lines were reinforced and the French repulsed and driven into the city.

A battle occurred on Tuesday at Mormaise, near Tours, when the French were defeated and the Prussians captured the town of Mormaise Bordeaux.

A dispatch admits the French defeat, and says the Prussians bombarded Tours, when the Mayor surrendered.

COMMUNICATIONS SEVERED.

LONDON, December 22.—The French claim to have severed Frederick Charles' communications and have captured 2,000 prisoners as the Germans were leading at Tours. They also report that the army of the Loire has made a successful union and is now 250,000 strong and ready for the offensive.

BOMBARDS, December 23.—Dispatches from Tours, bearing date of the evening of the 20th, and signed by the Mayor, informs the Department of the Interior that no more Prussians have entered the Department of Indre Et Loire.

CONGRATULATIONS ANSWERED.

M. Gambetta was received at Lyons with the warmest acclamations, and a universal request was made to him that the fullest measure of justice be accorded to those wretches who have disturbed order in the city. Several persons have been arrested for complicity in the assassination of M. Pasa.

OPERATIONS RESUMED.

Advices from Paris dated December 21, bring official reports of recent military operations. The report says operations were resumed to-day and only ceased at nightfall.

General Ducrot's right corps occupied Nuilly and Mont Valerien, Everard and Malmaison, all to the east of Paris. The fire of the enemy was silenced at all points.

The enemy massed infantry and sharp combat in which Gen. Pane was wounded, troops from the Bavarian corps and Admiral Lespinasse, who commands the forts of Paris, but were able to hold the posts and retreated, having effected one or two prisoners.

The Germans under General Ducrot were also engaged, south of the city, in a violent artillery fight, which lasted all day. Admiral Saisset and staff also participated. General Noel made a reconnoissance at St. Valerien, west of Paris, and General Vinoy with the chief of staff of Ducrot reported the island of Chatard in the Seine. The Mobilized National guard fought with the troops of the line with spirit and displayed great ardor. The garrison of Paris fights just the manner best considerably in advance of the lines, but the enemy's artillery replies strongly. Gen. Trochu remained outside of the city with his army.

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

BERN, December 23.—The city is crowded and has been so since the arrival of the unusually numerous general assembly of States held previous to the formation of the war league. The troops are all in arms. The excitement increased by the presence of deputies and ambassadors to Washington, and thousands of strangers are hurried together in an inextricable manner.

Public meetings are held constantly, without any cause entrusted force. Since the capture of Rome they are constantly feeling the French flame. The Romans have taken no part in the activity to make an effort to break them, but their movements have been watched with a vigilance equal to that of Argus.

RUMORS AND COUNTER.

CHERBOURG, December 22.—A force of one thousand men fully equipped, left to-day for Paris. It had been completed by requisition in a very large quantities. The blockade of Rouen has been ordered.

Other Cable Dispatches.

ENGLAND.

NO SOLAR ECLIPSE.

LONDON, December 23.—The weather to-day is clear, and the eclipse of the sun is seen by all persons. The eclipse is not visible, but is well observed, however, to the northward, particularly at Wick.

SUN'S ECLIPSE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Most astronomical observatories of the sun's eclipse were taken in England to-day.

LONDON, December 22.—The Times to-day says editorially discusses the question of the Alabama claims. It says the Americans are ready to quit, although they appreciate the value of peace, but that their expected gains by war and their resources unbounded. While they do not seek war they are not likely to decline a challenge, whereas England is averse to war for economic reasons.

SPAIN.

PRINCE AMADEUS.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—New Year's Day has been fixed upon for the entry into Madrid of Duke of Aosta, the new King. He will remain at the Royal Palace at Aranjuez. Don Carlos has issued a protest against the elevation of his cousin to the throne, and declares part of his own claims thereto, which are complimented by five letters from Charles Albert and Victor Emanuel. The Carlists still remain in the discussion of that motion for its dissolution.

PRUSSIA AND TURKEY.

A telegram to the *Press* states that the Czar has addressed an autograph letter to the Sultan.

A large part of the Turkish fleet under Mehemet Pacha has been ordered to the Red Sea to suppress the Egyptian intrigues with the Abyssinian revolutionists.

From a dispatch from the reported understanding between Russia and Turkey is denied.

CONGRATULATIONS.

AN EXPEDITION AGAINST THE ARABS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 22.—A Turkish expedition has been started for Yemen for operations against the Arabs. The force consists of two battalions number 10,000 and reinforcements are to follow.

AUSTRIA.

The Vienna press states that the Berlin account of the Austrian note on the Luxemburg question is without foundation. Austria has no such note in contemplation, and that the Treaty of London has not been touched.

ITALY.

THE VOTE OF ANNEXATION.

FLORENCE, December 22.—The bill ratifying the vote of the Roman people for annexation to Italy has passed the Italian Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 239 to 33.

GREECE.

ATHENS, Dec. 22.—The Session Chamber of Representatives was opened to-day. The speech from the throne was omitted.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—It was intensely cold in Chicago yesterday.

—There was good sleighing in Denver City, Colorado, yesterday.

—President Grant yesterday signed Gen. Schenck's commission as Minister to England.

—Three steamers recently arrived at Havana from Spain, bringing two thousand troops.

—The jail at Maysville, Ohio, was burned on Wednesday night. Four prisoners were barely saved.

—Jacob Hartzog was found frozen to death in Cincinnati on Friday morning. It is supposed that he was intoxicated.

—The money market in Chicago is close. Many of the strongest business houses in the city have asked for an extension of time.

—The weather at Cincinnati is very cold, and there is a very strong wind. Thermometer 6°. Navigation is nearly closed with ice.

—The Messrs. Allen, of Montreal, proprietors of ocean steamships, contemplate establishing a steam fleet between Philadelphia and Liverpool.

—At Mount Washington yesterday the mercury was 23 degrees below zero. Artists are busily engaged in photographing the frost-work views.

—A blast containing sixty-two thousand five hundred pounds of powder will be fired off in the Blue Gravel gold mine at Suckers Gap, California, on Thursday next.

—The census returns from the several districts of New York thus far show very little variations from the previous one. In twelve districts there is a falling off of about 5,000.

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CONCORD.

An Attempt at Harmony.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CONCORD, N. H., December 23.—In accordance with previous arrangements, about seventy-five leading men, in the Democratic party of all sections of the State, met this evening to perfect plans for healing differences which have existed in the party for some years past. The existence of two organs, *Patriot* and *People*, is alleged as the cause of the difference, their discontinuation thought to be essential to the restoration of harmony. A committee of one from each county was appointed to confer with the proprietors of the newspapers mentioned, to ascertain on what conditions their journals may be consolidated under a new management.

Live Stock.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 23.—Cattle market quiet and unchanged at 6¼@8¾c; for Milch cows, marke: favor buyers; in Sheep and Lambs there is little change, except in common, which have the effect of making good and extras command good prices, and have been taken freely for supplying the New York market. Receipts ample, commencing to fall off 425c; fair to good 5@6c, and good to extra 6 @7¾c; with an occasional sale at 8 cents. Hogs—supply large and easier; dressed command the most attention; Heavy western 6¾@6¾; and Light 6¾. Live weight.

Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, December 23.—Cotton: receipts 2,170 bales; middling 13½c; shipments, 2,260 bales. Tobacco: receipts improving; sales 38 hhds at $4.30 to $6.25 for manufacturing; good leaf to 6¾ to 9c for low to medium leaf. Flour unchanged and nominal at $4@6 for choice family, $6.50 for meal. $5@5.50 for bran. Grain: corn dull at 56c in bags; oats 45c in barlsaps. Bulk meats steady at 9½c, 9¾@10c. Mess pork in demand at $19.50. Hogs are coming in freely.

THE WEST.

WESTERN street railways encourage church going by issuing half-fare tickets good to and from the sanctuary.

AN Omaha man penned up a neighbor's cow and then sold him milk for three weeks. The latter has just found out the joke and gone to law about it.

THE safe of the Citizens Bank, at Dunreith Ind., (Sartion, Harrold & Co., proprietors,) was blown open last Wednesday night and $6,000 abstracted.

THERE are are at Manistee, Michigan, eight lawyers and a Judge; and not a man of them ever uses liquor in any form, never uses tobacco, and only one of them ever smokes.

DR. LOUIS CARDOZA, of the French Navy, and of Maximilian's Mexican army, has been arrested at St. Johns, Florida, charged with United States army. The Doctor has just got married.

A COLONY of Shakers is about being established in Wayne county, Michigan. Two brothers from Lebanon have lately been prospecting in that region, with the view of purchasing the necessary land.

JAMES WARNER, of St. Louis, was indiscreet enough, in May last, to open a letter addressed to his sister-in-law, and the latter having discovered the fact, caused his arrest. He was tried, a few days ago, and sentenced to remain in prison for another month. His curiosity will cost him altogether, eight months' imprisonment.

THE Chicago *Republican* thinks that as it appears daily, and the *Day's Doings* and *Police Gazette* only appear weekly and are not either of a nasty or go filthy, the Methodist cause must cease to exist. It also calls itself a frightful name which we shall not mention. It is sorry that a journal of that kind does not thoroughly appreciate and acknowledge its own specialties when they are so vile.

THE Winchester, Indiana, *Journal* says: "A colored woman, living near Hartonia, not feeling well, on Friday morning last, ordered her little son to get up and kindle the fire. On examining, he found that the fire had almost gone out. He told his mother, and she directed him to pour some oil on the coals, when he replied: "Mother, that will put it out." She then ordered him to get the powder-horn and pour some powder on the coals. This he complied doing, when the fire communicated to the powder in the horn, which exploded, inflicting such injuries on the boy that it is thought he cannot possibly live many days."

THE Chetek county, Wis., *Republican* says: "Parties from the upper country report that one of the most atrocious scenes was ever acted of, was enacted one day last week in the camp of the Chippewa Indians, some thirty miles north of Neillsville. Two Indians quarrelled, and one of them killed the other with a knife. The rest of the Indians held a council and condemned the murderer to be skinned alive! The sentence was strictly carried out, the doomed Indian being scalped on the ground and his skin literally peeled from his writhing body! It is said that the victim of this barbarous operation lived for several minutes after the last hair had pulled under the Indian he had murdered."

THE *Taylorville Breakwater* says: "On the 8th day of July, A. D. 1870, thirty-one years ago, Mr. Josephus Durbin and Miss Elizabeth Simpson were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, and, according to the records, were the first couple married in Christian county, Ill. Since that time two thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven have followed in their example in that county, by taking each other 'for better or for worse.' Scripture tells us that 'the first shall be last and the last first,' and, in evidence of its truth, we are pleased to state that the same old original Josephus Durbin who united the ball of matrimony rolling in Christian county thirty-one years ago was remarried on the 20th of last month to Mrs. Margaret Burtle."

THE following advertisement appears in the Salt Lake City *Mormon*:

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 1, 1870.

"I hereby certify that I have been sorely afflicted with an evil spirit, or personal consumption for eighteen years. No tongue can ever express the mental and physical suffering I have endured from this cause. The contortions of my body were terrible. I was often compelled to act in a very ridiculous manner without being able to help myself. Two weeks ago I commenced taking treatment from Drs. Roberts & Grose, who, I am only too happy to say, have succeeded in casting out the evil or quickening influence, by the power of psychology and animal magnetism. I am all right now, thank God.

H. ANDERSON.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this first day of December, A. D., 1870.

A. S. GOULD, Notary Public.

Drs. Roberts and Grose will remain at the Omaha House, Salt Lake City, until January 1, 1871, or longer."

ST. LOUIS.

A Printer Bursting of a Grist Mill, &c.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Brown Weber and Co., late heavy druggists of this city were adjudged bankrupts to-day, and Leonard Matthews appointed to take possession of the effects.

A grist mill of Mr. Meister and three adjoining residences, at Belville, Ill., were burned last night. Loss about $15,000.

The City Council of Leavenworth have rescinded the ordinance granting right of way through the city to the Leavenworth, Atchison & Northwestern Railroad, for a re-compliance with contract. This will probably necessitate the passage of through trains from St. Louis to Atchison.

Weather still colder to-night—mercury standing ten degrees and a half above zero at six o'clock this afternoon. The ice above the bridge piers is partially gorged to-day, and the navigation is closed. Fears are entertained by some, however, leaving the lower portion of the harbor clear.

LOUISVILLE.

A Town Destroyed by Fire.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—The entire business portion of Brandenburg, located in Meade county, Ky., was destroyed by fire early on Thursday morning. Only three business houses were left in the place. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated in the rear of a saloon. Partially insured. The losses are stated at $100,000, upon which there was an insurance of $50,000.

HARRISBURG.

Important Case Decided.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, Pa., December 23.—The case of the Commonwealth vs. the credit Mobilier was closed at a late hour last evening. This morning Judge Pearson delivered his charge to the jury, and by the afternoon a verdict was rendered that the credit Mobilier owed the Treasury of the Commonwealth $386,000, the exact amount claimed.

NEW ORLEANS.

Excitement in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, December 22.—The *Picayune* says: The news of Blanchard's rejection as Postmaster, created great excitement here among the Republicans, and great indignation was expressed in certain quarters against Senator Warmoth and Gen. Dent for endorsing Blanchard and that Gen. Grant will not be interfered at the next meeting of the Legislature demanding their resignations.

LITERATURE, MUSIC AND ART.

Exhibition of Rothermel's Picture.

Tuesday evening, a large and fashionable audience assembled to witness the unveiling of Rothermel's historical painting, "The Battle of Gettysburg," in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. As the first public exhibition of the picture, the curiosity was very great to inspect it, and the result was an audience as large in numbers and as brilliant in appearance as upon an opera night. Included in the audience were a large number of prominent men, civil and military. Among these were General W. T. Sherman, Commanding the Armies of the United States; Generals Patterson, Cadwalader, Owen, Hunter, Provost, Sackett; Col Hodges, Col. Latta, Chief Justice Thompson, Judges Cadwalader and Strond, Hon. Morton McMichael, and Bishop Wood, who occupied seats in the parquette circle to the left of the stage.

General Meade took his position in a stage box on the line with the balcony to the right of the stage, and the old veteran, John Burns, of Gettysburg, was accommodated with a place in the first circle. In addition to these there were a number of the members of the Legislature present. The soldiers' orphans from the Asylum were also present. A full military band in attendance gave the national airs, and as the orchestra gave the last bars of the music the curtain was raised and the picture presented to the audience. An outburst of applause followed and continued for several minutes. The roll of drums and the crash of cymbals in the military march that accompanied the unveiling added to the enthusiasm. After a few minutes were given to an inspection of the picture, the points of which have already been published, there were loud calls for Mr. Rothermel. To which Mr. Joseph Harrison, Jr., responded in a speech, introducing the artist who bowed in silence from his place in a proscenium box. Gov. Geary, Mayor Stokley then followed in addressing the Knight Templars, before a large audience.

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BOURCICAULT'S latest [illegible] Jezabel.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON [illegible] York at the M. E. S. celebra[illegible]

OFFENBACH has arrived [illegible] intention of making a prol[illegible]

THE Blackwoods will p[illegible] the autobiography of Lor[illegible]

VON BULOW has been [illegible] tional Hungarian Thea[illegible] Capellmeister.

THE two concluding v[illegible] Dixon's "History of the T[illegible] for in a few months.

MEYERBEER'S *Prophet* is to be [illegible] St. Petersburg at the National [illegible] with Russian libretto.

HARPER'S MONTHLY has [illegible] 130,000 copies. Many of the [illegible] lies do not have 10,000 each.

HANDEL'S concerto for [illegible] announced for publication for [illegible] ship of Mr. Bricley Richards.

MISS M. BETHAM EDWARDS, auth[illegible] "Doctor Jacobs," will publish next year a serial novel called "The Outcasts."

A CRITIC of the London *Graphic* calls Miss Alcott's "Little Women" "an excellent description of American family life among the poorer gentry."

WATTS composed 697 hymns, and Wesley 600. About a tenth of them live, and in every Christian church wh[illegible] language is used.

IT is said that Mr. Derby has [illegible] to New York the richest col[illegible] treasures, perhaps, ever receive[illegible] try from Europe.

MME. Calve, the Italian opera rece[illegible] 57,000 francs for the benefit of the [illegible] in war. The Viceroy gave 25,000 [illegible] sang in the performance.

THE opening of the Lyceum Theatre, London, with an opera bouffe company is announced. Signor Bottesini's opera. "Ali Baba," is promised for the first night.

MRS. HAWTHORNE has made an arrangement with *Good Words* by which that magazine will publish, during the coming year, Mr. Hawthorne's French and English Note-books.

WILLIAM PAGE, one of the leading artists in the city of New York, is engaged upon a portrait of Shakespeare, taken, it is said, from a plaster casts of the poet immediately after his death.

THE London *Orchestra* announces that an English opera company, in possession of a patent by Mme Parepa Rosa, will commence a series of performances in London on a large scale next Autumn.

CANNON are actively manufactured in Toulon and Marseilles. Upwards of a dozen manufactured in the last-mentioned city have been tried upon the stand to the admiration of the inhabitants, who are proud of the new manufacture, which has only been practiced in the last month. Besides cannon, mitrailleuses are being produced in considerable numbers, and every village feels bound to subscribe for at least one of these weapons.

THE new portion of the Tuileries has lately been occupied by provincial Garde Mobiles. Their occupation has effected little change in the external appearance of the building, and the fact that the Pavillion de la Tremoille had been converted into a barrack would hardly be suspected but for the shirts hanging to the windows, the soldiers having their laundresses, and preferring to carry on their drying operations under their own eyes.

THE major portion of the garrison of Montmedy has joined the army of Lille, and the defence of the town is mainly intrusted to National guards. Up to the present time Longwy remains free. The streets of the upper rooms of the houses are deeply strewn with sand, in order to lessen the effects of shells. The trade in sand is said to be [illegible] occupied by an uninterrupted procession of vehicles of all descriptions indiscriminately laden with sand, with furniture, bedding, boxes, provisions, children and old people, and accompanied by droves of cattle.

ON the morning of the 29th ultimo, by the steamer from Copenhagen, the news was landed at Leith, containing official documents and letters sent by ballon post from Paris on the 24th. The package, in a tent, was dropped from the balloon into the sea, about a quarter of a mile from the shore, some distance from Musselburgh, and was picked up by fishermen, landed, taken in charge by the French consul, and dispatched to Leith. The balloon when observed was going at a rapid rate and it is supposed to have been by a escalation that the package was dropped into the sea, instead of on *terra firma*.

IN the Prussian navy there appears to be as little subordination as in the army. The *Siecle* publishes a letter of an officer on board the Reine Blanche, which indulges in the severest expressions towards the captain for having neglected to capture German ships which came in sight. The *Siecle* not only regards the captain as a coward, but complains of his superior as quite a matter of course, but remarks that among the French captains there are still many who have assistance to the enemy useless, and expressed an opinion that the members of the government ought all to be shot.

THE red flag on the 28th of November still waved over the Hotel de Ville and the fortifications of Lyons. The revolutionary agitation had not ceased, and the members of the clubs were continually engaged in discussing questions respecting the clergy; the enjoinment of the arts; the abolition of lotteries, the suppression of religious orders, and the expulsion of the priests and sisters of charity from educational establishments being put forth by peasants of indisputable authority, and delegates from the ultra-democratic clubs have been sent to agitate those points in smaller towns and villages of the south.

INDUSTRIAL.

THE first cut nail in the world was made in 1777 by Jeremiah Wilkinson, of Cumberland, R. I.

GREENLEAF & Co., of Indianapolis, are making a puddling furnace for a firm in Pittsburgh.

MESSRS. ANDERSON and Woods are putting up a new steam hammer, the anvil block of which weighs 15 tons.

SEVEN new machines have been received by the Greencastle, Indiana, Nail Factory, and will be put in place and turning out nails in a few days. The company now has orders ahead for more 2,000 kegs of nails.

THE new rolling mill at South Bethlehem, when completed, will be one thousand feet long. The wings are about four hundred feet in length. One of the stacks has been put into position, being 125 feet in height, and more than £17,000 have been promised. A meeting was held recently at Caernarvthen to devise the means of raising the further funds that are needed. Dissenting ministers and many of the neighboring gentry join to promote the object.

THE great bronze image of Buddha, known as the Statue of Baiboots, about fifteen miles from Yokohama in Japan, of which Prof. Pumpelly gives so fine a view in his late most interesting volume, is about to be broken up for old bronze. It is of colossal size, about forty feet high in its sitting posture, and will make a large contribution to the old metal department. The iconoclastic zeal of Shintoism, as by law established, has found expression in an edict dooming this curiosity to destruction.

THE Grand Opera at Paris reopened its doors on the evening of the 6th ultimo. The entertainment was simply a concert. Five or six of the principal artists excepted, all have fled. Among those who remain are MM. Villaret, Baron, Gaspard, Depoyod, Ponsard and Bosqui. Mesdames Gueymard and Hisson. The receipts of the first night were devoted to the relief of the victims at Chateau Dun. The theatre was crowded. At the concert extracts from "Alceste," "Guillaume Tell," and "Les Huguenots," with "Le Chant du Depart," were given.

A DISTINGUISHED artist writes from Rome: "I believe that the same residents have come to for the winter as last year. Since the proclamation of Mr. Mozier, who has gone to his spiritual home, Mr. Healy is getting hard at work, and will lead off in his portraits with the family of Mr. Story. The American Club still continues at its old quarters. The sculptors are busy with their models and designs, and of course Story, Rinehart, Rodgers, and Miss Stebbins, and the lords and ladies of the moulding stick, are not idle. Simmons is putting his statue of Rodger Williams into marble, as well as modelling a new design from a subject in Paradise Lost. He has finished a bust of Story, his brother sculptor."

WHEN the "great American" poet Dr. Timothy Titcomb Holland was in England not long ago, it happened that another great American poet, Mr. Longfellow, was also visiting England. Mr. Longfellow received the highest honors and the greatest attention that could be given to the intellect and genius, while Mr. Titcomb was cruelly treated as though nobody had ever heard of him. It is not surprising that the universality disgusted at this discrimination made against one Massachusetts poet in favor of another. It is not wonderful that he became disgusted with England, and that, when he had found out their ways, he hastened to return to his native country, where he has great numbers of enthusiastic admirers.

WILLIAM H. BEARD, the painter, has just completed a curious work of imaginative art. It represents Charles Dickens in the presence of a large number of the most striking characters he has created, or rather it represents these characters in the presence of Dickens. There are seventy figures or so—Pickwick, Little Nell, Old Curiosity Shop, Little Dorrit, Sarah Gamp, David Copperfield, Sam Weller, Captain Cuttle, Bunsby, Pagan, Bill Sykes, Nancy Sykes, and many others. The characters are depicted with originality and suggestiveness. But, of course, he has after all, given but a few of the creations of Dickens, which amount, according to an English writer, to no less than fourteen hundred. Mr. Beard's work will soon be published by a New York house in chromo-lithotype.

THE French painter, Bouguereau, now serving under Trochu for the defence of Paris, filled up his leisure hours after his "Orestes Pursued by the Furies." Of this fine picture Mr. Liberty says: "Although gratified to have the picture go to New York, where I have found so many proofs of sympathy, I do not part with it without some regret. It is a philosophical conception, which I have treated with the utmost care, that of the criminal tormented by remorse; it being dear to me as one of my best and gravest works, on which I rely for admission to the Imperial Academy (L'Institut de France), at the doors of which I am now knocking. If you will have the goodness to inform me what becomes of it, and where it purchases it, I shall be gratified, for it is one of my children for which I have always had some weakness."

THE model of a colossal bronze statue, which several friends of General Grant propose to erect in commemoration of his military services, has just been placed on public exhibition at the rooms of the artist in Washington. The cast of the horse was taken from General Grant's favorite blooded war steed Cincinnati. The figure is represented in a state of almost perfect repose. All the lines of the horse and rider are double the measurements of nature, so that the bust and head of the statue will be eight inches in size. The bronze casting will be made in Philadelphia. When completed it will be placed on the largest terrace south of the Treasury building. It will be on a stone pedestal eight feet in height, and will face the south, making a most conspicuous object from Pennsylvania Avenue.

PUNCHINELLO has ceased to be, the publisher thereof in their valedictory speaks as follows: "We have spent our money liberally on American artists and authors, admitting nothing to our columns that was not entirely unobjectionable, and striving for us, and have endeavored to preserve a humor that would give no offence to morality; but after an experience of nearly a year we have decided that there can be but two ways open to us—first, to lower the tone of the paper, and especially the character of its illustrations, to edit the dominant taste of the day, or secondly to discontinue it. Self respect forbids the first, and therefore there remains nothing for us but the latter course. Now the reason of their failure seems plain to us. Their cartoons and smaller engravings were rarely coarse, and had enough of art upon their subjects. And their views, politically, were eminently disloyal and un-American. From the first we denounced it, yet cannot help but admire the genius and artistic completeness of its last words.

"If a man must live upon bread, potatoes and the like, and not avail himself of the fruits of his intellect in the domain of gastronomy, what better is he than a pig or gorilla? Say, is he not as good as the latter, for he lacks its strength. If I had to do without the comfort that site—Pier Donati & Co.'s cream—affords me, I would rather be a gorilla than such a miserable creature as man."—Thomas Corlyle.

RADICAL CURE Ruptures Treated at Dr. Keyser's 167 Liberty street.

BY MAIL FROM ABROAD.

FIVE hundred dollars have been deposited in a bank of Aix la Chapelle for the German soldier who captures Garibaldi dead or alive. Poor old Garibaldi!

THE Prussian Minister of Education denies the report that he has censured the professors of Catholic universities for their opposition to the infallibility dogma.

A VAST number of German surgeons at the seat of war have been prostrated by typhus fever, and a great dearth of medical assistance exists there at present.

THE King of Prussia has ordered that some Jewish rabbis be attached to the German army in order to do chaplain service with the Jewish portion of the German army.

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A LITTLE [illegible] by a boy eleven ye[illegible] adopted by the [illegible] Trebbia [illegible] ger.

[illegible] reply [illegible] to Louis the [illegible] at mirror hall of the [illegible] when asked this question. [illegible] around with a smile and said: "The [illegible] that I am here."

WHAT makes me feel pity, writes a war correspondent, are the youths of fifteen or sixteen years whom I find killed on the battlefield. They, at least, had the fiery unthinking courage of youth, and put to home in their parents' hearts when their wicks, as indently retired, took to flight, or gave their country evidence of having done their duty by letting themselves be captured.

A NUMBER of French prisoners in the Prussian fortress Glogan gave a number of concerts recently for the purpose of getting some money for which to erect a monument in the cemetery of the place to the many of their comrades that have died there. They were liberally patronized by the German inhabitants of the place, and succeeded in getting enough for a very fine marble monument.

CANNON are actively manufactured in Toulon and Marseilles. Upwards of a dozen manufactured in the last-mentioned city have been tried upon the stand to the admiration of the inhabitants, who are proud of the new manufacture, which has only been practiced in the last month. Besides cannon, mitrailleuses are being produced in considerable numbers, and every village feels bound to subscribe for at least one of these weap

THE DAILY GAZETTE.

OFFICIAL PAPER
Of Pittsburgh, Allegheny City and Allegheny County.

GAZETTE BUILDING:
Corner of Sixth Avenue and Smithfield Street.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1870.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 110½@110¾.

To the twenty-third day of December, 9,688 emigrants had arrived at New York City. This is nearly 50,000 less than during the same months of 1869.

A HEAVY Democratic vote is reported to have been polled in Georgia, but the rumors are in favor of a Republican majority. It is asserted that the Seventh District, although very close, will be Republican. Should it be so it will be a gain. The vote polled thus far is very large, and as yet no disturbances have been reported. The people, it seems, have had too much good sense to take the advice of Toombs and Stevens.

CALICOTT has failed in his effort to have his trial reviewed. His refusal to accept the pardon granted him has only kept him imprisoned without effecting any thing. Having been pardoned however we do not see why he is allowed to remain. He has no more power to keep himself a prisoner than he had to prevent being made one. We do not know whether he is out or not at present, but it ap, should have no choice in the matter

THE Chicago *Republican* is very much afraid that Mr. Tilton having withdrawn from the *Independent*, will also withdraw from the charge of the Brooklyn paper. Should he do this, the *Republican* is dreadfully alarmed lest Mr. Tilton should "take to poetry," and says "let us pray for deliverance from that." We hope Mr. Tilton will at once "take to poetry." Any thing whatever that will induce the *Republican* to pray, will be of valuable service to it and the general morality of its readers.

THROUGH the special correspondent of the New York *Tribune* we learn that Paris will be able to "hold out well until next month." On this idea the Prussian army is acting, and every effort is being made to prevent all possible chance of relief to the besieged. Weeks ago we were informed that Paris would have sufficient provisions to last until the first day of January, and this late information does not materially conflict with it. We think, taking all the evidences we have had from all sources, that Paris cannot hold out much longer, but that famine will force the surrender of the city.

WE HAVE THE RUMOR that Sir John Rose is on his way to Canada, entrusted with a mission from the British Government relative to the fisheries. After consulting with the authorities in Canada, he is to proceed to Washington for the purpose of effecting a peaceable adjustment of the difficulty. Much as we would be pleased for the fishery question to be amicably adjusted, we have no belief in the rumor. We do not think that Sir John is an accredited minister to Washington for that purpose, because there is no necessity for any such special action in the matter. The English and the United States Governments can very readily adjust all difficulties, if the English Government really feels desirous of doing so, although we are not at all satisfied that it feels disposed to interfere in the matter.

THE latest attempt to prove insanity as a defence in a trial of murder, arose in a case lately tried in New York. The counsel for the defence called a phrenologist on the stand to prove that the formation of the defendants head was of such a character, as to make him an irresponsible human being. The idea intended to be conveyed to the jury was, that the defendant had no power to control himself, and that his will to commit murder was so powerfully developed, that it was impossible for his other faculties to have any control or restraint over him in that respect, and that, therefore, the man was a monomaniac and should not be convicted. The testimony, however, was ruled out, and the defendant is under sentence of death. The plea of insanity is now the great defence in cases of murder, and too frequently it arouses sympathy that acquits the prisoner where he ought not to escape punishment. Such an effort, however, as the one to which we have referred, is calculated to lessen the weight of such pleas. It needs but a single step, and a short one too, from the prevalent opinion that suicide is *prima facie* evidence of insanity, to reach the conclusion that no *sane* man would willfully and *deliberately* shed the blood of his fellow man with intent to kill. Society sympathizes with the man who shoots down one who has violated the purity of his home, and has almost reached the conclusion that every man under such circumstances is insane. The punishment has much to do with so very many acquittals on the ground of insanity.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Episcopalians of Boston have inaugurated a grand movement in that city which promises substantial results to the Church, by organizing an association for the support of a reading room, the cultivation of social intercourse, the foundation of brotherly love, and the advancement of the interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The association now numbers two hundred members. Large and attractive rooms have been secured in an eligible place, fronting on the Commons. The rooms were formerly dedicated some days ago by Bishop Eastburn, Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, Hon. Alexander H. Rice, Rev. Dr. Edson, Judge Putnam, Hon. R. H. Dana, Jr., and others, making addresses on the occasion. This movement, as stated, means "Church work, Church advancement, Church holiness," and the prospects of achieving glorious results are encouraging in the highest degree.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin (Episcopal), just opened for service in New York, was built upon three lots, the gift of Mr. B. Astor. The church will cost seventy-five thousand dollars.

The Providence *Journal* represents that not long since, of the corner of a highway, about half a mile east of the "Live Meeting House," in Foster, a new guide board had just been placed upon a pole, with this novel inscription printed in large and small letters, "Zion's Hill Perfect Church, 1½ miles. Thank God that we are not like other men." It was recently erected between two days, and points toward the place of meeting of a new sect, which claims to be the only true Church. A correspondent of the National *Baptist* writes, with regard to the above, that the Church referred to is the Six Principle Baptist. It is further stated that the pastor of the Church is not only unable to read the Scriptures, but that he is so given to intemperance as to be a constant reproach to his brethren.

Difference has been made to the project of building a Metropolitan Presbyterian church in Washington City, since which we learn that the Unitarians are taking steps to erect a large and handsome National church at the seat of Government. Already a considerable sum has been secured as a pecuniary nucleus for the enterprise.

The State Baptist church, Springfield, Mass., locates the regular attendants of the church by lot, and end takes the subscriptions afterwards. By this method the poorest member has an equal chance for an eligible pew. Each one is asked to give as the Lord has prospered him.

The *Journal & Messenger*, (Baptist paper) of Cincinnati, asserts that the desire of some ministers for newspaper notoriety is so morbid, that they will write the themselves the flatteries they crave. It states that in one of the "Eastern Baptist papers there appeared in one issue three puffs of a certain preacher, *all written by himself*.

The statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the present year have just been made up. We give a general summary: Traveling ministers, 9,193, increase 363; Local 11,401, increase 1,064, Members 1,173,999, increase 58,387; Probationers 194,035, increase 9,809; Sunday Schools 16,912, increase 518; Teachers 189,412, increase 4,816; Scholars 1,221,293, increase 41,409; Church edifices 13,373, increase 1,325; Value of do. $32,614,591, increase $361,524; Parsonages 4,179,211; Value of do. $7,293,513, increase $431,583. Benevolent contributions: Conference claimants $129,898,81; Missions $641,482, 22; Church Extension $67,246,14; Tract Society $24,786,32; American Bible Society $84,711,51; Sunday School Union $22 736,53.

Bishop Clarkson, of the Episcopal Church, is responsible for the following story of himself: "Not long since in a frontier town in Nebraska, appeared the following notice: "Elder Clarkson, of the Episcopal society, will preach in the school-house this evening, and administer the *Apostalic right of confirmation*.

The new Divinity Hall (Congregational) at Yale College cost about one hundred and forty thousand dollars. There are sixty rooms in the building, furnished by contributions from fifty churches in the States, and the number of students is fifty-five.

Rev. Dr. Simmons, of the Home Mission Rooms, says less than one year ago the Baptists had but ten thousand dollars' worth of freedman school property in the South. Now they have full one hundred thousand dollars' worth. They have seven young colleges, in seven different States, and each with grounds paid for.

The one hundredth anniversary of the ordination of Bishop White, the first bishop of the American Episcopal Church, was observed yesterday in Philadelphia. Bishops Smith, of Kentucky, and McIlvaine, of Ohio, were consecrated by him, and eighteen men are living whom he ordained either as priest or deacon.

St. Alphonsus' Catholic Church, Windsor, Canada, has just contributed prizes in a grand lottery of seventeen thousand shares, in which each purchaser had a lithograph of Pope Pius, and prizes varying in value from five hundred dollars in gold and jewelry of five dollars' value were distributed.

The Committee on Psalmody appointed by the last United Presbyterian General Assembly have progressed as far as the 77th Psalm in their work, and hope to complete the duty assigned them in time for publication before the next meeting of the Assembly.

It is stated a member of the Suffolk North Congregational Association was appointed to read a paper, answering the following question: "What is modern Congregationalism?" And his first sentence was "for any one to do what is right—in his own eyes."

There are about four thousand Hollanders in the city of New York, among whom there is one colporteur. There are two Reformed missionaries among the Germans. One mission has over over five hundred communicants, and in the Sabbath School there is an average attendance of over five hundred pupils. Fortieth Street has one hundred and eighty-four communicants and a Sabbath School attached.

THE STATE.

A WEST CHESTER paper nominates Gen. George W. Cass for Democratic candidate for Governor in 1872.

MCKEAN BUCHANAN played Shakesperian characters in Altoona to a beggarly account of empty benches.

COLONEL MATTHEW LINN, a prominent citizen of Washington county, died last week in the 73rd year of his age.

DR. BERKELY, a traveling canvasser for medical publications, died suddenly from an overdose of morphine at Altoona on Friday week. As he had no friends he was buried there.

THE Indiana *Messenger* says: Judge Collier, of the Quarter Sessions Court, of Allegheny county, is holding the present term of our Court. He is a most affable gentleman, and his courteous manner, both on and off the Bench, has endeared him to our people.

WE learn from the Meadville *Republican* that Frederick Brown, aged about eight years, son of Mr. Aaron Brown, proprietor of the York House, while skating on the old channel, near the McHenry House, Saturday night, broke through the ice and was drowned. His body was recovered by his father a few minutes after the accident, but life was extinct.

THE Oil City *Times* says: A snake charmer, known throughout the oil regions as "Old Andy," died at Miller Farm on Friday from the bite of a rattlesnake. The reptile had become benumbed by the cold, and the snake charmer was warming it back to life by the fire, when it bit him on the back of his hand. The usual remedies were applied, but without avail. Andy was between fifty-five and sixty years of age, and had no relative in this country.

THE Altoona *Sun* says: On Friday night last some daring burglars entered the Mechanics' Bank, corner of Eighth avenue and Twelfth street, and left indications of several hours' severe work in an attempt to gain an entrance to the vault. This, however, was built in such a manner as to render all such attempts failures, a fact which the burglars evidently discovered to their infinite disgust, as they departed without their wedges, hammers, &c.

THE Juniata *Sentinel* says: On Monday morning last, Mr. John Harris, a young man about twenty-two years of age, residing in Beale township, met with an accident which resulted in his death. He had been throwing hay from the mow on to the barn floor, and then threw the fork into the pile of hay. In jumping from the mow on the hay he struck the fork handle, which penetrated his person, from the effects of which he died on the evening of the same day.

THE Venango *Citizen* says: A well was struck on Tuesday below the A. and G. W. depot, in this city, and is yielding at least twenty barrels per day. It is located near the old lock house. We did not learn the names of the proprietors. We are also informed that a well located on the Sage tract, in Sugar creek township, adjoining the Lamberton farm on the north, owned by Moorhead & Co., which has been pumping for some time, commenced yielding largely on Tuesday.

THE Washington *Review and Examiner* says: Caleb G. Moorhead, the old man who resided just back of Bellevernon, and who about three weeks ago was struck on the head with a hatchet by his insane son Hamilton (an account of which was published by us week before last), died from the effect of his injuries on the 9th instant. From the testimony adduced at the inquest the son was clearly proven to have been of unsound mind for some time prior to the time he committed the terrible deed. He is now in jail at Greensburg.

THE Indiana *Progress* says: In Blairsville on Friday last, Mrs. Devinney, widow of John Devinney, deceased, while attempting to take a cabinet sewing machine down stairs by herself, fell down and was severely injured. It is supposed that she lost her balance and fell backwards down stairs, the sewing machine falling on her. When found she was lying on her back with the machine on her breast, the blood running from her mouth, ears and nose. Her daughters lifted off the machine and gave the alarm. The neighbors gathered in and put her in bed, since which time she has lain in a very critical condition.

THE Indiana *Progress* says: Mr. A. J. Hamilton, Superintendent of the Western Experimental Farm, has kindly given the following interesting experiments for publication:

MR. EDITOR: By permission, I propose to give through your paper a report of the experiments on a few of the corn plots of this year. These plots are exactly one-half an acre. Plowed May 3d and planted May 17th. The corn was all worked alike and husked October 15th. Seed, yellow gourd:

Plot 412, butt grains, common plow, produced 596 lbs.; plot 413, butt grains, subsoil plow, produced 604 lbs.; plot 415, end grains, subsoil plow, produced 651 lbs; plot 417, common plow, lime 50 bushels, produced 677 pounds; plot 418, subsoil plow, lime 50 bushels, produced 690 lbs; plot 419, common plow, lime 100 bushels, produced 690 lbs; plot 422, subsoil plow, lime 100 bushels, produced 696 lbs; plot 421, common plow, lime 200 bushels, produced 705 lbs; plot 420, subsoil plow, lime 200 bushels, produced 832 lbs; plot 423, perfect grains, common plow, two stalks in the hill, three feet each way, produced 580 lbs; plot 424, perfect grains, common plow, 1 stock at every foot, produced 530 lbs.

The above result shows, that the plots limed at 50 bushels to acre, produced all increase over 100 bushels of 16 bushels, while 200 bushels gave an increase over 80 bushels, over 100 bushels of 16 bushels.

TRESSILIAN COURT;

OR,

The Baronet's Son.

BY MRS. HARRIET LEWIS.

AUTHOR OF "THE DOUBLE LIFE," "THE BAILIFF'S SCHEME," "THE SURRENDERED HEARTS," "THE LADY OF KILDARE," "A LIFE AT STAKE," "THE HOUSE OF SECRETS." ETC., ETC

CHAPTER I.

A FEARFUL CATASTROPHE.

A wild storm was raging upon the Mediterranean Sea, near the close of a dreary November day, and sky and waters were black with the gloom of the sudden and furious tempest, before which a small sailing vessel was scudding under bare poles. Her build and rigging proclaimed her Sardinian. She was the Gull, Captain Varino master, on her way from Cagliari to Palermo.

She had on two seamen and two passengers.

These passengers were Englishmen, who had procured passage on The Gull to Palermo, whence they intended to embark by steamer to Marseilles, the following day.

When the Captain and his two assistants were attending to their duties, and expressing apprehensions as to their safety, the two Englishmen stood apart, leaning against the low bulwarks, and surveying the wild scene around them.

These men were both young, apparently of the same age, about three and twenty but evidently they were not of the same station in life.

One, the more striking of the two, was aristocratic in his bearing, tall, slender and handsome, with a frank, smiling mouth, a pair of fearless blue eyes, set under a wide and massive forehead, and tawny hair blowing back from his face. Noble, generous and kind-hearted, he had an adventurous disposition and a dauntless courage.

He was Guy Tressilian, the only son and heir of Sir Arthur Tressilian, Baronet, of Tressilian Court, England.

His companion presented a remarkable resemblance to him, being also tall and slender and fair, with tawny hair and moustache, but he had not the frank smile, the bright, fearless look, or the joyous spirit that characterized young Tressilian. Young as he was, he had seen much of the dark side of life, and his experiences had been such as to develop in him some of the worst qualities of his nature.

He was Jasper Lowder, Guy Tressilian's hired traveling companion and bosom friend.

The meeting and connection of the two had a touch of romance. Young Tressilian had spent four years in a German university, whence he had been graduated with honor. On leaving the university, in obedience to his father's written command, he had undertaken a tour of the countries inclosing the Mediterranean Sea, in company with one of his late tutors. This gentleman being unexpectedly promoted to a professorship, abandoned Tressilian at Baden, leaving him to find another traveling companion.

On the evening of the very day after this desertion, as Guy Tressilian was sauntering through the streets of Baden, he had been assaulted by a trio of his own countrymen, all more or less intoxicated. It was apparent that they took him for another, and intended to wreak vengeance upon him. Without allowing him to speak, they forced him to defend himself. Guy was getting the worst of the conflict, when a stranger came running to his assistance, and in a few moments the two had put the ruffians to flight.

This stranger who came so opportunely to Guy's assistance was Jasper Lowder. His resemblance to young Tressilian awakened in the latter a romantic interest. He questioned Lowder, learned that he was poor and alone in the world, and took him with him to his hotel. Believing that the similarity of features indicated a similarity of tastes and natures, he engaged Lowder as his travelling companion, and the past year they had spent together more like brothers than like employer and employed.

"This storm is a regular Levanter," said Lowder, clinging with both hands to the bulwarks. "Do you think the craft will stand it, Tressilian?"

"Oh, yes," answered young Tressilian, wiping the salt spray from his face. "The Captain knows the Sicilian coast perfectly. In two hours, or less, we shall be in the bay of Palermo. In three hours we shall be domiciled in the best rooms of the hotel Trinacria, with the best supper which Messer Ragusa can furnish. And to-morrow, at noon," he added, "we shall embark for Marseilles in a Messageries steamer."

"And from Marseilles *you* will proceed to England and to Tressilian Court," said Lowder, with some bitterness. "And *I*—what is to become of me? I have had a year of unalloyed happiness, and now comes back the drudgery, the hopeless toil, the anxieties of the wretched old life. You picked me up at Baden, a poor adventurer seeking to gain a living by teaching English, and the same destiny is open to me now."

Tressilian turned his handsome face upon his companion in surprise and affectionate reproach.

"Jasper," he exclaimed, "you talk strangely. Do you suppose I have called you friend and brother so long, and loved you so well, to lose you now? I meant to have written to my father concerning you and your future, Jasper, but his sudden recall, received yesterday, causes me to return home without writing. I shall telegraph from Marseilles that you will come home with me. And you will, will you not? I will charge myself with your future. I will see that you obtain the position to which your talents entitle you. You have no ties to keep you on the Continent?"

A strange expression passed over Jasper Lowder's face.

"No, I have no ties," he said huskily.

"And will you go with me?"

"What will your father say to my coming?" demanded Lowder. "He will think your generosity Quixotic. He will dismiss from his house the hired companion who dares to resemble his son—"

A sudden lurch of the little vessel, a wave sweeping over the deck, interrupted the sentence.

"You wrong my father," said Tressilian, his blue eyes kindling, when the vessel had righted. "He is the noblest man in the world. He will welcome my friends as his own. You will love him, Jasper, as I do, when you know him."

"He doesn't seem very affectionate," remarked Lowder. "You have been away from your home for five years, and he has but just recalled you!"

Young Tressilian's cheeks flushed, as Lowder saw in the lurid glow that momentarily lighted up the tempestuous scene.

"You know, or can guess the reason, Jasper," he said, with something of an effort. "My father has a ward, a daughter of an old friend. Ah! hear that wind shriek! The gale is increasing!"

"Yes," assented Lowder. "And the ward is Miss Irby—the golden-haired Blanche of whom you have talked so much, and with whom you have exchanged letters?"

"Yes. My father formed a project to have me marry Blanche. He did not wish us to grow up together, lest we should learn to regard each other as brother and sister. When Blanche came to live at the Court my father sent me to Germany. The night before I left home, he called me into his library and told me all his hopes and plans for my future, and entreated me to continue worthy of his innocent ward, and to keep my heart pure for her. I have done so, Jasper. I have never yet loved any woman. And yesterday I received my father's summons to come home. He has recalled me after five years of absence. I know the wish that lies nearest his heart. He wants me to return and marry Blanche. I shrink from the proposed marriage. I dread going home. And I dread offending my dear father, whom I love better than any woman. It is hard, Jasper, to revolt against the hopes and plans of a kind and a generous father, whose very love for me causes him to urge on this marriage!"

"Is it?" said Lowder dryly, and with a strange smile full of sneering bitterness "My experience has been widely different from yours, Tressilian. Did I ever tell you of *my* father?"

"No. I took it for granted that he is dead."

"Perhaps he is. I don't know," said Lowder, with a reckless laugh. "But if he is living, he is a scoundrel. Don't start Tressilian, at my unfilial speech. Wait till you hear my story. I am in a desperate mood to-night. This storm stirs up all the bad within me. As nearly as I can discover, my father was the younger son of a proud old county family—"

"You do not know, then?" asked Tressilian, pressing his companion's hand.

"I have no proofs of it. All I positively know is this. My mother was of humble station, pretty, with blue eyes and an apple blossom face, and tender appealing ways. She was the daughter of a widow, residing at Brighton. The widow, my grandmother, kept a lodging house, and my father, a gay, dashing young fellow, came to lodge with her. As might have been expected, he fell in love with his landlady's daughter. He offered the young girl marriage, on condition that the union should be kept secret until his affairs brightened and he chose to divulge it. The young girl loved him. Her mother was ambitious and penurious. The result was the lover had his way and married the daughter of his landlady quietly, almost secretly. Then he took his bride to London, to cheap and obscure lodgings, where, a year later, I was born."

The wind for a moment drowned his voice. As it presently lulled, he resumed recklessly, and with passionate bitterness:

"For years my mother and I lived in those stuffy, obscure lodgings until her bloom had faded, and she had grown thin and wan and nervous. My father visited us at stated seasons, once or twice a week, but he never brought any of his family to call upon us. I doubt if his aristocratic relatives even suspected the existence of the faded wife and son of whom he was secretly ashamed. I have good reason to believe that he had fine lodgings at the West End, where he was supposed to be a bachelor, and that he went into fashionable society, while my poor mother and I lived obscurely. He was a profligate and a roue, but he had an air of fashion that awakened my boyish admiration, and aroused my mother's affectionate pride in him. She was always pleading to be introduced to his relatives, and to have her son publicly acknowledged. But my father always put her off, saying that he was not ready. Worn out and despairing, my mother died when I was ten years old."

Again the wind shrieked past, again the little vessel lurched, the sea sweeping her deck.

The captain screamed his orders to his men, and for a few minutes disorder reigned.

"A nasty bit of weather!" said Lowder. "And a bad sky!"

"Yes, but I've seen as bad," returned Tressilian. "We shall make port all right, never fear. We must be well on toward the Cape di Gallo. And it's only seven miles from the Cape to Palermo."

"But the seven miles in this storm are worse than seventy in good weather. These coasts are dangerous, Tressilian."

Lowder shuddered as he surveyed sea and sky.

"But about your father, Jasper?" said Tressilian, who had become deeply interested in his companion's story. "What did he do after your mother's death?"

"I remained at the old lodgings with my single old servant a month or more, my father visiting me several times, and expressing anxiety as to what he should do with me. A week after my mother's death, he told me that his brother was dead. A month later, his father was killed by being thrown from his horse. My father came into riches and honors by these deaths. At last, deciding to rid himself of me, he took me down to Brighton, to my old grandmother. Her sons were dead; she had given up keeping lodgers, and was grown miserly. He promised her five hundred pounds a year to keep me, and to keep also the secret of my paternity, solemnly promising to acknowledge me some day as his son and heir. The old woman agreed to carry out his wishes. She would have done anything for money. I never saw my father again. I went to school, grew up, and at the age of twenty-one came into my grandmother's money, the fruits of years of saving, she dying at that time. My father had deliberately abandoned me. I did not know where to seek him, if I had wished to. I took my money and came abroad. I had been two years on the Continent, and had spent my little fortune when I met you. The rest you know."

"An odd, romantic story! But why did your father abandon you?"

"That he might be freed of encumbrance to make a grand marriage. From what my grandmother said at different times, I conclude that my father was in love with a titled lady before my mother's death. No doubt he married this lady. If he lives, this lady's son may be his acknowledged heir. My father has utterly disowned the son of his first hasty, ill starred marriage. I have a fancy that I shall meet him some day," and Jasper's brow darkened to deeper blackness. "However, I stand no chance of ever receiving justice at his hands."

"What is your father's name, Jasper?" asked Tressilian.

Lowder's face darkened. He bit his lip savagely.

"What I have told you about myself I learned from my own observation, or from chance words of my parents and grandmother. My mother's maiden name was Jeannette Lowder. At our London lodgings my father bore the name of Lowder. I don't know his real name, but I should know his face anywhere, although I have not seen him in thirteen years. My mother was actually married, Tressilian, but I never knew my father's name. The clergyman who married my mother was dead; the witnesses also. When my grandmother was dying she tried to tell me the story. She had put it off too long. All that I could understand of her mumblings was the name of Devereux. I shall never forget that name—'DEVEREUX!' Probably that was my father's name—my own rightful name. But as I should never find him if I sought him, and as he would repulse me if I did find him, I stand no chance of inheriting his property. He may be dead. He may have other sons who have succeeded him. It is all a mystery, but the prominent truth is, that I am an outcast, poor, disowned and friendless."

He leaned over the bulwark, the spray dashing over his face violently.

Tressilian's heart warmed to him.

"My poor friend!" he said. "Must I say again you are not friendless while I live. My father has influence enough to obtain for you a government appointment. This tangle may straighten itself out some day. But if it don't, you are resolute enough to make your own happiness."

He grasped Lowder's hand, and looded with warm bright eyes, full of sympathy, into Lowder's lowering eyes.

There had been a temporary lull in the storm. But as the two stood there, the tempest revived and swept over the wild sea in maddened rage.

There was no time for talking now. The wind rose so high that words would scarcely have been distinguished. The storm that had gone before had been but play to this awful outburst. The vessel drove on, creaking and groaning, a mere cockle shell shell on the billows.

"Mother of Mercies!" wailed the captain. "It's all up with us, signores. I can't make out the Cape in this darkness. We shall go on the rocks. St. Anthony save us!"

The seamen echoed his cries.

The two young Englishmen, comprehending their peril, clasped hands in silence.

For the next few minutes it seemed that a Pandemonium reigned.

Then a noise like the report of a cannon suddenly boomed through the storm and the darkness. The little vessel shivered, staggered, and careened upon her side.

She had struck upon a rock.

A moment later crew and passengers were struggling in the waters.

A few moments of buffetings and tossings of vain struggles and agonized, involuntary prayer, and then Jasper Lowder felt his senses slip from him, and became unconscious.

When he came to himself, he was lying upon a rocky beach of the Sicilian shore, sore, bruised, and weak as a child.

He opened his eyes. The wind had spent its fury, and now moaned along the coast with a desolate, despairing wail. The waves beat against the rocks.

Lowder struggled to his elbow.

"Wrecked!" he muttered. "I am cast ashore, while the others are drowned! Oh, this is terrible! I have lost my best friend to-night!"

He moaned and wrung his hands.

"He is dead, who would have done so much for me, and I so worthless am saved! All my hopes of an easy and luxurious life must be resigned now!"

At that moment he beheld a dark object at a little distance in the water. The waves hurled this object against the projected head of a sunken rock. At the same instant Lowder recognised it as the body of a man.

He crept toward it, and the waters dashed the body on the shore at his feet. He put his hands on the face. How cold and wet it was! It felt like the face of a dead man! Lowder's finger's came in contact with the soft, silken mustache, and he knew that the body was that of Guy Tressilian!

Of the five who had stood on the sloop's deck a half-hour earlier, these two alone were left. The captain and the crew had found their deaths among the cruel, yawning waters.

Lowder thrust his hand under the waistcoat of his friend, but he could not perceive the beating of his heart. Despair took possession of him.

"Dead!" he said shrilly. "Dead! And he would have done so much for me if he had lived! And his father and the young girl he was to have married will wait in vain for his coming! His place at Tressilian Court is empty. Who can fill it?"

It seemed to him that some demon at his side echoed the question: *Who could fill the place left vacant by noble Guy Tressilian?*

A thought came to him—a thought so strange and sinister that he shivered involuntarily. Again he felt of Tressilian's heart. It gave no throb against his hand. He passed his hand over Tressilian's head and discovered a gaping wound in the skull. The hair was clotted with blood.

Putting his hand into his breast pocket, Lowder drew out his little water-proof match safe. He opened it with trembling fingers and struck a light. The red flicker danced on young Tressilian's face.

How ghastly and terrible it looked! The eyes were closed, the smile was gone. The seal of death seemed set on the noble features.

Lowder examined the wound. It had been made by contact with the sharp rock, and even Lowder perceived its terrible character.

"If he is not dead, he soon will be," he muttered. 'His brain has received an awful injury. He will never know who he is again. He won't live till morning, and he is perhaps dead already. He must be dead!'

Again it seemed to him as though some demon echoed his words.

The match dropped from his fingers into the water. For a little while he crouched on the wet stones in silence, battling it may be with better and nobler instincts of his nature.

At last, with sudden and abrupt stealthiness, his hands stole into the breast pocket of Tressilian and drew out his private note-book, a packet of letters, a few trinkets. He secured these among his own wet garments. Their possession seemed to give him courage, and his face hardened, and he knelt beside the body of his friend and rifled his garments of all that they contained, bestowing his plunder on his own person.

Then he took his own purse, his note-book, a few receipts and trifles from his own pockets, and put them in the pockets of Tressilian.

"It is done!" he whispered to himself, looking with wild defiant eyes through the darkness. "No one is harmed. He is dead. If he lived he would have provided for me. As he is dying or dead, I must provide for myself. *This likeness between us will make my fortune.* His friends will be spared a terrible grief, and I—I shall live at last! Fortune gives me a chance to gain name and wealth at one lucky stroke!"

As if to give himself no chance for repentance, he arose to his feet and turned his searching glances in an inland direction. A light, as from a cottage window, glimmering faintly through the thick haze, caught his gaze.

Raising his voice, he called loudly:

"Help! Ho, there! help!"

The wind had abated, and his cries rang out through the night with startling distinctness. The light he had seen moved and disappeared. A minute later, answering cries reached Lowder's ears, and he heard hasty steps, and saw the approaching light of a lantern borne aloft by a man's upraised arm.

"This way!" shouted Lowder. "We are wrecked on the rocks. For the love of Heaven, hasten!"

The bearer of the lantern, attended by a male companion, came running to him, and was soon at his side. The lantern bearer was a rough Sicilian fisherman, a grade above his class. His companion was also Sicilian, but evidently of somewhat higher degree. Both were all excitement, astonishment and sympathy.

In as few words as possible Lowder told the story of the shipwreck, and called attention to the condition of his noble young employer.

"I think he is dead!" he said, in a choking voice. "Carry him up to your cabin. Let everything be done that can be done to save him. I will pay you well for any kindness to him. Poor fellow! He was my travelling companion. I loved him as if he had been my brother instead of only my hired attendant! Poor Jasper!"

The two Sicilians lifted the helpless form of poor young Tressilian, and carried it between them toward their cottage. Jasper Lowder followed them, bewailing his loss. The above we publish as a specimen chapter; but the continuation of this story will be found only in the N. Y. Ledger. Ask for the number dated January 7th, which can be had at any news office or book store. If you are not within reach of a news office, you can have the Ledger mailed to you for one year by sending three dollars to Robert Bonner, publisher, 189 William street, New York. The Ledger pays more for original contributions than any other periodical in the world. It will publish none but the very, very best. Its moral tone is the purest, and its circulation the largest. Everybody who takes it is happier for having it.

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THE DAILY GAZETTE.

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 23, 1870.

The local money market is without material change since our last report. There is very little doing in discounts, save renewals of previous loans. In these the banks seem to be granting all the indulgence consistent with a due regard for the interests of their shareholders. Rumor, with her busy tongue, continues to circulate reports concerning the business troubles of this one, and that, and the stories grow as they fly. Men don't actually rejoice at the bad fortune of a neighbor, but there is a singular pleasure taken in talking over the matter, which we find it difficult to analyze. Good, careful, generous business men will meet upon change, and recount what each one has heard, and separate each with a more marvellous fund of "news" about Mr. ——'s failure, to tell the first friend they come across. They did not mean anything wrong—they only repeated what they had heard, or supposed they had. The truth too often is, Mr. ——, "failed" only when their stories had grown so that the community believed them, and loss of confidence was worse than lack of balance at bank. Moral—help your neighbor by keeping a silent tongue.

The week has been more than usually barren of stock transactions. The scarcity of money has more or less to do with it, of course, but scarce as is money, there are but few first class stocks on the market for sale, and these are held firmly at very near old prices.

The eastern markets are heavy. Gold is steady at 110¾. Government bonds are a fraction off. The Secretary's purchases were lighter than was expected, and brought no relief to the money market.

Stocks are nearly stationary, but the market lacks strength, though the offerings are not large.

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	Thursday.	Friday.
Bonds—1881	113	113
5-20—1865	107¾	107¾
" 1864	107	106¾
" 1865	106¾	106¾
" 1865 new	106¾	106¾
" 1867	109¾	109¾
" 1868	110¾	110¾
10-40s	107¾	107¾
Currency 6's	119¾	119¾
Gold	110¾	110¾
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	99¾	99¾
Do Scrip	97¾	97¾
Erie	23¾	23¾
Reading	93¾	93¾
Lake Shore	91¾	91¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	93¾	93¾
Rock Island	102¾	102¾
Chicago & R. I.	93¾	93¾
Do. Preferred	80¾	80¾
St. Paul, Common	55	54
Do. Preferred	78¾	78¾
Wabash	47¾	48
Do. Preferred	67	68
Ohio & Mississippi	27¾	27¾
Pacific Mail	39¾	39
West. Union Telegraph	45¾	45¾
Adams Express	63¾	63¾
U. S. Express	52	52

Closing quotations as received by James T. Brady & Co.:

Gold	10⅜	8 Jan. & 1 Jy. 1865
U. S. 6s, 1881	113	8 Jan. & 1 Jy. 1865
U. S. 5-20s, 1865	107¾	8 Jan. & 1 Jy. 1865
U. S. 5-20 1864	106¾	O. P. R. R.
U. S. 5-20 1865	106¾	O. P. R. R.
U. S. 5-20 1867	109¾	Cl., Pitts. & Ft. W.

MARKET—Governments are dull but steady in tone.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1870.

Gold market has been dull and quiet, opening at 110⅜@110¾, and closing at the same. Loans were made from 5 to 7 per cent. Clearances, $57,000,000.

Governments steady with but few transactions.

Stocks opened weak, but on first call improved a little and remained steady the rest of the day, the closing prices in some instances being the highest made.

The money market has been very stringent at from 7 per cent. currency to ½ per cent. per day. The latest transactions were chiefly at 7 per cent. gold, though even after banking hours gold was loaned at 1 for the use of 7 per cent. over the gold rate. The demand for currency from the interior is very great, and the banks are shipping it freely. The Gold Room Sensation, ranging in amount from $500,000 to $2,500,000, failed to make their appearance in the Clearing House to-day.

State and municipal securities are dull.

Sterling exchange 9. Money market close. Coupons of 1881, 113; 5-20s of '65, 107¾; '64, 106¾; '65 new, 106¾; do, '67, 109¾; '68, 110¾; 10-40s, 108¾; currency 6s, 120¾.

Discount 6@7. Tennessee, old 62¾; do new 63¾; Virginia new 63, do old 67¾; North Carolina, old 34¾; do new 33¾.

W. U. Tel., 45¾; Quicksilver, 8; Mariposa, 8; do preferred, 18¾; Adams Express, 63¾; Wells, Fargo & Co., 52; American Express, 52; Northwestern, 69¾; United States, 39; Pacific Mail, 39 N. Y. Central, 99¾; Scrip, 97¾; Erie, 23¾; do preferred, 46¾; Hudson River, 134¾; Reading, 93¾; Michigan Central, 118¾; C. & P. R., 93¾; Northwestern, 80¾; do preferred, 89¾; Rock Island, 102¾; Fort Wayne, 102¾; St. Paul, 55; do preferred, 78¾; Wabash, 47¾; do preferred, 68; Fort Wayne, 93¾; Terre Haute, 31¾; do preferred, 70; Ohio & Mississippi, 27¾; do preferred, 41¾; C. C. & I., 85¾; C. & O., 18¾; Lake Shore, 91¾; Illinois Central, 136.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 23, 1870.

The markets are moderately active though devoid of any new or important features worthy of special notice. For poultry there is an active demand, and the stock is very much reduced, and prices are higher. There is also an improved demand for prime roll butter and eggs, particularly fresh, are scarce and high, though as might be expected buyers are few at the prices. Grain, Flour and Groceries in fair demand and unchanged.

APPLES—The arrivals are very light, the entrance to-day was only 400 bbls. Prices unchanged and with a steady local demand prices are well sustained. We quote per bbl:

APPLE BUTTER—Is in fair supply and dull; quoted at 6@8 cts per gallon.

ASHES—Canada Pots, 6¾; Pearls, 7¼; do 4¾; First Sorts, 6¾; Pearls, 7¼.

BUTTER—Still prime roll is in rather better demand, though not quotably higher. Small casks—choice in and near the city are being held at 30 cts, and this is owing in part to the low prices of late.

BEANS—The demand is improving with sales at $1.70@1.75 per bushel, as to quality.

BEESWAX—Small sales at 28@30.

BROOM CORN—Is coming in more freely, but prices remain unchanged at 6@6½.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—The demand is rather better but there is no improvement to note; small sales in a regular way at $4.50 per bbl.

CHEESE—Ohio Factory quoted at 15½; Ohio Goshen at 16.

CAMPHOR OIL—There is a fair jobbing trade at former quotations; 20c in a jobbing way, and 21@22c for small lots.

COAL—Is being sold from country wagons in Allegheny to-day, at $12@18 per ton, as to quality.

HONEY—Sales at 30@35 cts.

HOMINY—Best Pearl quoted at $6.25 per bbl. Common, $5.00@5.50.

HUSKS—Sales at 3@3½ cts.

LIME—Sales of Cleveland at $3.25 per bbl and eastern at $1.75.

LARD OIL—Extra No. 1 is now quoted at 1.12, and No. 2 at 1.05@1.08.

MILL FEED—Is very dull as the market is completely overstocked, and it is difficult to quote correctly.

ONIONS—Demand rather better, but prices are unchanged, $2@3 per bbl.

POTATOES—Scarce and tendency upward; we now quote at $1.10@1.10 per bushel by the car load, and $1.15@1.20, is asked for small lots in store.

POULTRY—Very scarce, in good demand and higher. Sales of dressed chickens and ducks at 10@11cts, and turkeys at 10@11c.

PROVISIONS—Sales of Plain Shoulders at 11¾@12c; plain Sugar Cured Hams, 18; Breakfast Bacon, 18. Lard, 12¾@13c, in tes, and 13@14, in buckets. Nothing done in Mess Pork; as quoted.

PEANUTS—Sales of new crop at 6@8.

RAGS—Quoted at 4@4½.

SEEDS—Sales of Timothy at $1.60@1.65 by the car load, with the usual advance for small lots in store.

SEEDS—Small sales of Clover Seed at 10¾@10¾ cts per lb. Flaxseed still quoted at $2.12@2.15.

SUMAC—Sales Tennessee Sumac at 4¾ cts.

TALLOW—Rendered, at 8½@8¾c.

TURNIPS—Very dull and in good supply may be quoted at 45@50 cts per bushel.

WILLOWS—Sales Kentucky willows, at 9¾@10 cts.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 23, 1870.

The oil market was again very dull to-day, the volume of business having been unusually light, and it is not expected that there will be anything done of any consequence until after the close of the year excepting in making settlements. The operator to whom we have referred repeatedly recently, it is said, has settled most of his low priced contracts, but will let the higher priced ones remain untettled until the last day of grace, hoping that in the meantime the market will assume such a shape that he can then settle on terms more satisfactory to himself. Refined for spot or this month is dull and weak while for futures there is rather more inquiry and a firmer feeling, though prices are without quotable change. Refiners, however, are not disposed to do anything at present, as they claim that crude is higher relatively higher than refined, and that there is no margin in selling lines at present prices.

CRUDE.

As already intimated the market was very dull to-day and the feeling is weaker and the tendency downward. We are reported sales of 500 bbls a spot at 9¾; and 1,000 at 9¾; subsequently, there was a sale of 2 cars at 9¾, but it was of gravity oil. Quotations may be fairly given at 9¾@9¾, and it was reported that settlements could have been made at the inside figure.

REFINED.

December weak and lower, 300 bbls sold at 23¾. January and February, 23¾ bid, 23¾ asked. January to March, 23 March to June, 23. January to June, 23¾; January to December, 25¾; buyer all year, 27¾@27¾.

RECEIPTS CRUDE.

Spray Oil Works 456, account L Hepler; Fairview Oil Works 228, account J S Barbour. Total..... 678 bbls.

OIL SHIPPED PAST VIA W. P. R. R.

Ralston & Waring, 266 bbls ref. oil to Waring, K. & Co., Phila.

Mentzer, H. & Co., 200 bbls benzine to W. H. Baldwin, Philadelphia.

Mentzer, H. & Co., 171 bbls refined to Logan, Bro. & Co., Philad.

Kirkpatrick & Co., 327 bbls refined to W. P. Logan & Bro., Philadelphia.

Total..... 964 bbls.

SHIPMENT OF CRUDE OIL SHIPPED BY P. R. R. AND A. V. R. R. OIL LINE, DURING WEEK ENDING DEC. 17, 1870.

By Duncan & Young from Parker to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia, 3,129 bbls.

By Duncan & Young from Parker to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia, 300 bbls.

By Parker & Thompson from Parker to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia, 800 bbls.

By J. Bushnell, from Parker, to Truscott & Co., Columbia, 319 bbls.

By J. Bushnell, from Scrubgrass, to Truscott & Co., Columbia, 80 bbls.

By Fisher Bros. from Foster, to H. C. Ohlan, New York, 162 bbls.

T. Chess from Franklin to J. Parkhurst Jr. & Co., Baltimore, 200 bbls.

By T. King, from Franklin, to Poultney & Moale, Baltimore, 82 bbls.

By T. King, from Franklin, to W. G. Laird & Co., Philadelphia, 80 bbls.

By T. King, from Emlenton to Poultney & Moale, Baltimore, 80 bbls.

By T. King from Scrubgrass to Poultney & Moale, Balt., 479.

By Jno. Herbst, from Parker, to Poultney & Moale, Baltimore, 482 bbls.

Total..... 6,322 bbls. of 45 gals.

Total to Phila..... 4,580 bbls

Total to Baltimore..... 1,203 bbls

Total to New York..... 362 bbls

Total to Columbia..... 319 bbls

Grand Total..... 6,322 bbls

[By P. & A. Telegraph.]

PHILADELPHIA December 23.—5 P. M.—Refined, December, 22¾c. Sales of 5,000 barrels at this January and February: 23¾ March; 23¾c. April; 23¾c March and June 24¼c; Crude 10¼c.

12 M.—December 22¾@23¼c; January and February 23¾c; March 23¾@23¾, March and June 24c; May and July 24¼c; Crude 10¼c.

NOON.—Refined, December 22¾@23¼c; market very dull and doing nothing. Crude for January nominal at 12¼c. Refined weak, and offered at 23½c. The Oil Trade adjourned from to-day till P.M. Tuesday next.

12 M.—Market very dull, January Crude offered 12¾c, no buyers in the market. At that figure Refined offered at 23c. for December and cargoes at 22¾c. for January. No sales.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Petroleum is "Change" held till Tuesday P. M., December the 27th. Board adjourned till your Board: no business must be transacted—till then.

TITUSVILLE, Dec. 23.—Petroleum market is very quiet, with a declining tendency, in consequence of the approach of the holidays. There is a bearish feeling prevailing, with offers to sell freely at 9¾@9¾, but no small parcels at that; we quote at 9¾@10 to 9¾@9¾. Weather clear and very cold.

TIDIOUTE, Dec. 23—11:30 A. M.—Market firm at 9¾@9¾, good inquiry for gravities.

ROUSEVILLE, Dec. 23—11:30 A. M.—Market quiet and very dull; prices unchanged, offering at 9¾@9¾ for December; have left at 9¾c for gravity; no inquiry and no transactions.

PLEASANTVILLE, Dec. 23—11:15 A. M.—Market quiet and dull at 9¾@9¾.

PETROLEUM CENTRE, Dec. 23—11:30 A. M.—Market quiet and firm at yesterday's prices; little oil offering; no sales to-day.

PITTSBURGH ROD MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 23, 1870.

As the end of the year approached the metal market has become somewhat sluggish, and the purchases are confined to such lots and qualities as may be neceessary to keep up mixtures. Many of the manufacturing establishments take account of stock at the close of the year, and their desire is to have all material on hand worked up, so as to see where they stand. And we think the manufacturers have great reason to congratulate themselves on the activity of trade and the large amount of business done—exceeding in volume any other similar period in the history of Pittsburgh.

The prices of nir metal have undergone no change, and seems now to have reached a basis, satisfactory to the manufacturers, though the producers of metal, claim that there is very little, if any margin for them. A mutual desire seems to be entertained on all hands to have prices so adjusted, that the producer of metal, and the manufacturer of iron shall both enjoy a fair remuneration for their time and investment.

We trust that after a full and hearty enjoyment of the festive season by all, the new year will open on a trade, active in all branches, and prosperous alike to producer and manufacturer.

AFTERCASTS.

20 tons	No. 2 Foundry	$31.00 cash
20 "	No. 1 "	32.00 4 mos
20 "	White Neutral Forge	30.00 4 mos
20 "	No. 3 "	29.00 4 mos
200 "	2? "	31.00 4 mos
200 "	Mill Short "	29.00 4 mos
100 "	Neutral Forge No. 3	28.00 4 mos

BITUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR ORE.

200 tons	No. 3 Mill	$30.00 5 mos
200 "	No. 2 "	31.00 4 mos
200 "	Mottled "	29.00 4 mos
60 "	White "	29.00 4 mos
60 "	Medium Gray Forge	29.00 4 mos
100 "	Medium Gray at Furnace	28.00 6 mos
150 "	"	29.00 6 mos

CHARCOAL.

10 tons	Charcoal Mill	$42.00 4 mos

COKE.

200 "	Red Bank	$31.00 6 mos

Markets by Telegraph.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 23, 1870.

EXCHANGE—Unchanged.

FLOUR—Extra spring dull and nominal.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring firm and 1@2c higher, closing quiet at $1.04¾@1.05 this afternoon; this evening dull and unchanged.

CORN—No. 2 mixed firm; closing at 44c for new; this afternoon firmer.

OATS—No. 2 2c higher, closing at 33½c.

RYE—No. 2 quiet at 76c.

BARLEY—No. 2 dull and declined 1c, closing at 75c.

HIGHWINES—Quiet at 85c for iron.

PROVISIONS—More active and firmer.

MESS PORK—At $18.25@18.50.

LARD—Closed at 11½c.

HOGS—Dressed opened active, closed quiet at $5.00@7.00; live quiet at $5.00@4.00.

CATTLE—Quiet.

New York.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Cotton opened firm but closed dull, with middling uplands at 15½c. Flour steady and firm, with sale of 10,000 barrels western at $5.60@6.40; superfine Western $5.50@5.80; common to good extra $5.85@6.30; good to choice do $6.35@6.90; white wheat western $6.90@7.30; good to choice do $7.35@8.00; Ohio $6.00@8.25; Rye flour $4.50@5.50. Corn meal unchanged. Whisky quiet and unchanged at 92c, with sales of 500 bbls, bonded free. Wheat firmer; white Michigan $1.48; red winter western $1.46@1.47. Rye and barley quiet. Malt: Canada West $1.25. Corn dull, with No 2 mixed at 72@73, but closed at 70@71c; No 1 do; yellow 71c; No 1 white 73c. Oats firm, with sales at 39@41c. Hay firm; shipping $1.10. Hops dull. Coffee: sales 2,000 bags private terms. Rio 14¼@14¾c; Java 20@21c. Sugar in fair request with Cuba at Müller, Porto Rico 10¾@11c. Molasses—New Orleans is firm at 65@70c. Rice quiet. Crude — petroleum firm at 10¼@10¾c; refined 23c. Provisions steady and quiet; mess pork @18.25@18.50; new at $18.25@18.75; prime mess $16.50@17.00; new at 17.25@17.50; prime mess beef $12.00@13.00; new at 13.00@13.50; extra $14.00@15.00. Beef hams—nominal 28@31c. Prime mess pork—nominal $22. Cut meats dull. Hams 10¾@12c; shoulders 8@8½c, sides quiet; 9¾@9¾c; clear 10¾@11c. Dressed hogs are dull and droopy at $7.00@7.90. Whisky firm at 87c. Gold 110¾. Exchange steady.

Hogs firm, being mostly to fill December contracts; live $6.15@6.30.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 23.—Tobacco active and firm; lugs $5.50@5.75; common to medium leaf $9@11.25. Bagging firm and unchanged. Cotton active and firm; sales of 200 bales; middlings 14@14¼c. Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat and oats in fair demand but supply light. Corn quiet. Hogs firm at $6@6.40 for light and heavy; killed to dress 6@6¾c per head. Provisions—Demand good; mess pork $19.50. Lard 12c. Bacon—Shoulders 10¾c; clear rib sides 9¾c; do clear 10c. Whiskey firm at 97@98c.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, December 22.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat active and advanced; No. 1 $1.06¾; No. 2 $1.04¾. Oats; No. 2 unsettled. Corn scarce and firm; new shelled 48c. Rye; No. 1 71c. Barley; No. 2 80c del vered. Dressed Hogs firm at $7.00. Mess Pork $17.50.

Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, December 23.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and weak, and generally held at $1.30 with only $1.28 bid for No. 1 red winter. Corn firmer, with sales of new shelled at 38c. Oats dull and nominal at 35c. Barley: crude quiet and weak at $4.15; refined dull but unchanged at 20@20½c.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, Dec. 23.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm but in light demand; amber Michigan, $1.23½; No 1 red Wabash, $1.21¾. Corn firm; new high mixed 50c; do low, 50c; new yellow, 55c. Oats firm; No 2 44c. Clover seed quiet and unchanged. Hogs steady at $7.00@7.10, dividing on 200 pounds.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, December 23.—Flour quiet and unchanged; Indiana $6@7. Wheat firm at $1.45; amber $1.47@1.50. Rye 87@90c. Corn firm; new yellow 71c; New 2 mixed 73c. Oats firm; State 34@35c; Western 35@36c. Mess Pork dull at $19.25@19.75. Whisky unchanged.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, December 23.—Flour firm; Wheat quiet; choice scarce; common saper in excess of demand. Corn firm; yellow 72c; white 74@75c. Oats firm. Rye firm at 85@86c. Provisions unchanged. Whisky quiet and weak.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—Cotton firm at 14¼@14¾; receipts to-day 2,850; shipments 3,109 bales. Receipts for the week 28,810 bales; shipments 17,300.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD COMPANY. December 23.—7 cars iron ore, Shoenberger, Blair & Co; 4 do do, McKnight, P & Co; 1 do do, Brown & Co; 1 do do, Zug & Co; 1 do, Dilworth, P & Co; 1 do do, J Reamer; 1 do do, Pittsburgh Bolt Co; 1 car lumber, Oboenholts & Co; 2 cars pig iron, Nimick & Co; 1 car lumber, McQueen & Douglas; 1 still bbl varnish, A Milliken & Co; 2 bxs wood work, Langkamp & Son; 2 bales wool, Wm. Barker & Co; 10 bxs wood in shape, C A Lincoln; 7 bbls beans, J W Fife; 10 bbls d paint, W R Beggs & Co; 1 dressed hog, J Orr; 1 kg a butter, 1 bx, 1 sack, R Keefe; 1 bx butter, 1 bbl eggs, 49 bgs c seed, A Kirkpatrick & Co; 2 dressed hogs, James Cochran; 45 d hogs, 364 bgs c corn, P Duff & Son; 1 bbl sand, J P Wooter; 1 car fire clay, J B Lyons & Co; 28 sks rye, J & W Fairley; 134 sks m feed, Graham & Marshall; 1 bdls c hood, Fahnestock & B; 12 kegs, 2 bbls p barley, Wm Gormley; 4 bbls p barley, J Porterfield & Co; 5 bbls oat meal, Strickler & Morledge; 3 csks g ware, Bakewell, P & C, 1 d hog, D Jones; 1 bbl apples, 1 bg oats, Wm Atwell; 10 d hogs, J P Hanna & Co; 3 d hogs, J Mestner; 1 bx fancy, J House & Co; 1 car f brick, Park, Bro & Co; 11 bxs poultry, 2 bbls, 1 bskt, 4 bxs poultry, J R Scott; 5 bbls eggs, 5 do butter, J McKirdy & Co; 2 bbls poultry, Bruggerman & O'Brien; 25 bbls beans, 14 sks f seed, 19 bgs beans, 25 bgs d apples, 2 bbls beans, 9 sks feathers, A T Caufield; lot sundries, P Duff & Son.

PITTSBURGH FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY. December 23—50 tcs grease, 402 pcs sides, F Sellers & Co; 58 bbls cider, 5 kgs a butter, 7 bbls d apples, Bruggerman & O'Brien; 32 d hogs, J P Hanna & Co; 10 kgs a butter, W H Graff & Co; 100 bbls flour, owner; 2 bbls farina, W Haslage & Co; 9 pkgs tobacco, Carter, McGrew & Co; 1 car malt, John Gangwick; 1 car mill feed, McHenry & Hood; 11 bgs w flour, John Porterfield; 4 bbls d apples, S P Shriver & Co; 18 bbls grease, 1 Dickey & Co; 5 bbls d apples, P Duff & Son; 1 bbl whisky, Adler, R & Co; 211 bxs cheese, N J Braden; 32 do do, H Riddle; 1 roll leather, Hammett & Son; 30 do do, Seibert & Berg; 5 bbls c eggs, 6 bgs barley, H Rea Jr; 2 cars potatoes, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 1 do do, Hulett Bro; 2 bbls poultry, Woodworth & D; 2 bbls d apples, 1 do corn, W J Steel Bro; 200 bbls flour, Jenkins; 2 bbls tallow, H Rea Jr; 45 bdls shovels, Myers & G; 4 bxs butter, Atwell & Lee; 65 bbls apples, Houck, J & Co.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD, December 23.—12 rolls leather, W Fiaccus & Son; 2 bbls eggs, 3 pkgs poultry, J O'Donnell; 36 sks wheat, Scott & Gisal; 6 bxs butter, 1 do eggs, W Sewell; 12 sks oats, G Leslie; 4 d hogs, S B Copeland; 3 do do, C Brenner; 15 pkgs butter, eggs and poultry, W Stewart; 7 do do, J H Hoffman; 5 bbs d peaches, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 14 hides, J Wilson; 5 bxs soap, V Ludwig; lot rags, McElroy & Co; 1 car metal, J Moorhead; 2 cars do, McKnight & Co; 12 hides, H Klingensmith; 1 car metal, W Smith; 5 pkgs poultry, W Reed Jr; 1 car hides and tallow, J Callery.

ALLEGHENY STATION, December 23.—1 car metal, Lindsay & McCutcheon; 26 sks oats, J McCallum; 45 oil bbls A Kirk; 29 hgs feed, 16 do cornmeal, J W Chesbro; 112 bdls paper, Frazier, M & Co; 31 sks oats, J C Thompson; 17 d hogs, J W Early; 3 bbls tallow, C Ward; 5 bbls bw flour, Henderson, M & P; 9 bbls wine, Jacob Hodel; 7 d hogs, Hippley & Beckert; 12 do do, 10 bbls apples, J Rogers; 123 sks ear corn, John Rose; 1 bale leather, A Holsteine; 2 cks cheese, B Jenny.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY. December 23.—38 tcs lard, 20 bf bbls do, 168 buckets, 64 kgs do, W B Hays; 1 car scraps iron, Maloney & Lanahan; 1 car staves, F Kober; 1 do lumber, Urish Wilson; 20 dc staves, J Painter & Son; 2 do do, Ralya & Robertson; 3 do do, Burke & Wood; 1 car lumber, John Nanz; 2 do staves, W Hastings; 1 do do, Livingston Bro; 1 do lumber, Hamilton & Co; 1 do staves, C Stoff; 1 do lumber, J D Odell & Son.

WEST PENNA. RAILROAD COMPANY, December 23.—17 sks wheat, Barnes & Nelson; 2 d hogs, Carter, McGrew & Co; 1 bbl d peaches, Knable & P; 2 d hogs, J S M'Nutt; 1 bx poultry, R S Ray; 10 sks rags, McElroy & Co; 1 car mdse, A Pemberton; 60 bdls sheet iron, Rogers & B; 70 bbls salt, W Mackeown; 10 bgs oats, Good Bro; 15 bgs corn, Robb & Herron; 2 d hogs, M L Richards.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

CINCINNATI PER STEAMER ST. CHARLES, December 23.—Sam McCain 1 cow and calf; same, 1 bx turkeys; J. A. Durgin, 1 bx hardware; McCullough & Smith, 29 pkgs rags; Jno. McKirdy, 4 pkgs produce; Wm. Fiaccus & Son, 2 bdls splits; C. A. Warmcastle, 100 oil bbls; Allison & Co., 15 horses; J. W. Fairley, 165 ocks ship stuff; A. & D. H. Chesbro, 113 hhds; Cassingham & Co., 30 hhds; J. Hausen & Son, 2 casks cullett; J. Hausen & Son, 2 bbls cullett; Austin & Co., 40 cads tobacco; H. Gerwig & Co', 2 bales hemp, Zinkome & Cluderegg, 2 1-12 dos chairs; J. Longhidge, 1 bx molding; J. Selferth & Co, 12 bbls whisky; Sam'l Dyer, 20 hhds meat; Sam'l Dyer, 2 trcs meat; Sam'l Dyer, 1 bbl meat; J. Dickey & Co., 760 nail kegs; J. Dickey & Co., 31 sacks peanuts; D. B. Moore, 3 obls eggs; A Eckert, 1 coop turkeys; A. Eckert, 2 coop chickens; A. Eckert, 5 bbls eggs; M Post, 86 sheep; Pitts Paper Co., 70 bdls paper; P & C R R, 10 casks E. Ward; Brownsville Pkt Co., 19 casks E. Ward.

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RIVER NEWS.

The river continues to recede steadily at this point, with five feet six inches in the channel last evening. Weather continues exceedingly cold, and navigation is virtually suspended. The ice in the Allegheny is becoming formidable, and another day or two like yesterday and the day before will close it.

The only arrival we have to report is the Elector, from Brownsville, and she was several hours behind time. The Belle is reported as being ice bound at Brownsville.

The Carrie Brooks, en route to this port from Zanesville, reshipped her freight at Bellaire and laid up.

We have heard nothing from the Ironsides since she left here. It is not likely, however, that she got below Wheeling, if she succeeds in reaching there. A down steamboat, however, can fight the ice better than one coming up

The Glencoe, May Lowry and Argosy are the only boats in port. The Glencoe is receiving for New Orleans, and will depart on the resumption of navigation.

Charles McClure, who is among the victims of the Nick Wall disaster, was bar-keeper on the boat, a step-son of Capt. Standish Peppard and nephew of Capt. Poe, commander of the Wall.

Capt. Dravo telegraphed to his agents here that the St. Charles would arrive last night and depart as usual to day. This is exceedingly doubtful, as the ice is too formidable for the St. Charles or any other boat.

Dispatches were received from Cincinnati yesterday, reporting the sinking of the Mollie Moore, in the Lower Mississippi. Later dispatches intimated that she had not sunk but was damaged, in what manner or to what extent is not stated—our telegraphic columns will doubtless give a more satisfactory report. She was en route from New Orleans to this port with a cargo of sugar and molasses. She is in command of Capt. Geo. D. Moore, and is owned by Capts. Moore, Kountz, Anderson and Whittaker, and was built here last summer. She is a big carrier and may be classed with the Carrie Brooks, Kountz and Henry C. Yeager, being constructed exclusively for carrying freight, and like the Kountz and Yeager, has the Hartupee engines.

—A Louisville special to the Cincinnati *Commercial* says: The Champion No. 6 came down from Cincinnati this morning and went over to the sunken barge on the falls to pump it out, and remove the freight, and is still at work. At the time the barge struck the pier, several boxes and bales were knocked overboard and lost. Capt. Varble thinks most of the freight on the barge Red Stocking will be saved with but little damage. That on the barge Ironton will not be damaged. The freight will be moved by morning. The Bodmann is still at Portland. The canal is blockaded with the coal fleet. The Grand Lake, J. H. Bigley, W. C. Cowan, Argosy, Blue Lodge and Sampson, are pushing their tows through, and boats will not be able to pass through until to-morrow afternoon. The Brill has arrived at the foot of the falls, and the Anna, Emma Floyd, and Robert Burns are expected to arrive there to-night. The Ohio came up through the canal this morning, discharging a lot of tobacco and whisky here.

—The New Albany *Ledger* says: The huge cargo box, yclept, H. C. Yeager, passed down for New Orleans. The Yeager is a huge square box, wall sided and has a brush heap at the tail end. Her machinery and boilers are in the stern, and the chimneys, two small pipes, perforate the deck sixty feet aft of the pilot house. She is walled up like the cargo box of a barge, and has a small cabin on the hurricane deck. The Yeager is among the ugliest specimen of steamboat architecture we ever heard of. The Dagoes on the coast will, when they see her, flee to the interior as they will be under the impression that Admiral Porter or one of his dummy gunboats is coming.

—The Nick Wall, sunk near Grand Gulf in the Mississippi, with a loss of 20 lives, is two years old, and was built by Captain J. T. Stockdale. She was a sternwheeler, 180 feet long, 33 feet beam and 5 feet hold, and had the machinery of the Peerless. She was owned by Capt. Thos. Poe, her commander, Geo. Hughes, now pilot on the Wheeling packet Major Anderson, and others, and at the time she sunk was on her way to Red river, as one of the "Carter Line" of St. Louis and Red river packets.

—The Oscoola (Mo) *Herald*, of the 15th gives the following particulars of the sinking of a steamer on the Osage river: "On Tuesday evening a collision occurred on the river at the foot of Lilley's Island, which resulted in the sinking of the Gay Gazelle, Capt. Perrin's clipper craft The craft was loaded with lumber, and when rounding the foot of the island struck a snag and sank peacefully to rest on the bottom of the 'raging canawl.' All on board were saved. She can be elevated"

—The Louisville *Commercial* of Wednesday says: One hundred and fifty hogsheads of sugar, and three hundred and fifty barrels of molasses, brought up by Captain Riddle; 1 roll leather, Hammett & Son; 30 do do, Seibert & Berg; 5 bbls c eggs, 6 bgs barley, H Rea Jr; 2 cars potatoes, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 1 do do, Hulett Bro; 2 bbls poultry, Woodworth & D; 2 bbls d apples, 1 do corn, W J Steel Bro; 200 bbls flour, Jenkins; 2 bbls tallow, H Rea Jr; 45 bdls shovels, Myers & G; 4 bxs butter, Atwell & Lee; 65 bbls apples, Houck, J & Co.

—We understand that Capt. W. F. Davidson intends to put four boats in the trade between Louisville and New Orleans, and will put the Jennie Badlwin in between here and Louisville to feed them. The Jennie is just off the ways at Madison—*Cincinnati Gazette.*

—On Sunday a barge belonging to the steamer Savannah, receiving iron ore at Carondelet for the Ohio, was shoved on the bank by the steamer Glendale and sunk. It contained about two hundred tons. A lot of this was taken off Monday, and she was raised.

—The Glendale on Wednesday was lying straight, at the head of Turkey Island, with six inches of water over her main deck, and her forecastle dry. She can be easily raised if the ice does not cut her to pieces.

—Captain J. H. Shell, well known as a steamboat clerk, and for many years in the St. Francis river trade, died on Tuesday.

—The Mollie Ebert arrived at New Orleans on Wednesday, and the Oil Valley was at Cairo the same day.

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PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE: SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1869.

THE DAILY GAZETTE.

HOME NEWS.

Jubilous shoutists.

Plenty of Santas.

Goods at a discount.

Turkeys everywhere.

Christmas to-morrow.

Recent coal dealers jolly.

Banks closed on Monday.

Dull in Allegheny yesterday.

Good prospect for the ice men.

Monongahela River closed above.

Remember the little children to-day.

Amusement, many in town to-night.

Keep out of the watch house to-night.

Only ten degrees above zero yesterday.

Plug the Poor—with a load of coal to-day.

"Beautiful Snow" nowhere. Ice all around.

Welling winds, cold and dreary yesterday.

The Allegheny is almost blocked up with ice.

Recent population well represented in our streets.

Judge Sterrett is serving on the law brokers' Corner.

Christmas services in all the churches to-morrow.

Don't forget the poor in your Christmas testimonials.

Make somebody happy to-day with a Christmas present.

Dinner at the Workhouse to-morrow—same as they always get.

Confectionery at the Orphan Asylum, Allegheny this morning.

Happy Christmas gatherings around family firesides to-morrow.

The boys are out with their skates, hunting a choice (skate)—frozen.

Christmas trees in happy homes will absorb the attention of all to-night.

The streets are thronged with anxious faces looking after Kriss Kringles.

Many of our churches have been handsomely decorated for Christmas.

Dinner at the Catholic to-morrow for the Orphans of St. Paul's Asylum.

"Blow ye winds and crack your teeth! They are more apt to crack our heads.

"Pub Rascal"—"Think as leaves in Valambrosia's Vale"—or words to that effect.

The show windows are very showy just now. Of course the selection is plentiful.

Go to the S. P. Church Fair, corner of Van Braam and Locust streets for amusements.

Sewage leavings in the channel of the Pittsburgh Bessie College next Thursday night.

Which enemy will be first to try the experiment of running street cars through the night.

Night sprinkle of snow yesterday, adding to the good feeling which seemed to prevail everywhere.

Remember—The GAZETTE is delivered at your door for fifteen cents per week, payable to the carrier.

It is to be hoped as Christmas was never ushered with so slight a tinge of snow, it never ceases about the last one is always the best.

Sails, skating, sledding, boxgears, footsleds, open buggies, two horses, sleigh-riding, oyster par ice, hot suppers,—make the winter seem a happy one.

Buy Your Wife a Present.—Go to James R. Reed & Co.'s jewelry store, No. 63 Fifth avenue, and buy her set of household jewelry which they have for Christmas presents.

Buy Your Wife a Present.—Go to James R. Reed & Co.'s jewelry store, No. 63 Fifth avenue, and buy her a set of beautiful jewelry which they have for Christmas presents.

We shall not pay a visit to our patrons on Christmas-day (Sunday), therefore all intending to honor us with a present will take notice that we will be "out on" Monday, Dec. 27th.

The Pittsburgh Passenger will be open on Monday morning from 8 o'clock until 10.30, the balance of the day the office will be closed to allow the employees to enjoy the holiday.

Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, is rapidly recovering from a very severe attack of sickness. Dr. Boyer, his medical advisor and attendant, says he will be able to preach to-day, the Sabbath afternoon. All interested in the Association are invited to attend.

The children are bothered to know when Kriss Kringle is coming. Whether he will make the distinguishing rounds on Saturday, Sunday or Monday nights is the all-important question. Our advice is to hang up the stockings on every night, then you will be sure to catch him.

The Christmas services at All Saints' Church will consist of Holy Communion at the Church past twelve A. M. (midnight) at 9 o'clock A. M. (morning) and three P. M.; and even song at seven P. M. Persons attending the night service should take the 10 o'clock car, returning a car will leave the church about a quarter to two o'clock, A. M.

The Young Men's Christian Association at Tartar Creek, have to give an oyster supper on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 28th and 29th, for the purpose of paying off the debt on their house. As the holiday week it is hoped we who wish the cause success will be there during both evenings. Turtle Creek is only fifty cents there and return home the same evening. The workers in the cause in Turtle Creek should be encouraged.

The Coming Concert.—Our readers will not forget the concert to be given at the First Baptist Church, Fourth avenue, near Ross, on Tuesday evening, December 28th. There will be among the chief attractions of the holiday season. Prof. Robbeck acknowledged to be the finest musician in Western Pennsylvania. Prof. Manning, Mrs. Cora Brown-Seiler, W. H. Everson and others appear upon the programme. Tickets only fifty cents. Doors open at seven and Sloan, King & Co.'s, 55 Fourth avenue.

Pittsburgh is looking up in art. As an evidence of this, we may mention the fact that Messrs. J. H. Gillespie & Co., the well known auctioneers in Pittsburgh, have established, at considerable outlay, an art gallery and salesroom in the rear of their store on Wood street, which will compare favorably with any other East or West. The collection of picturesque embraces some of the finest productions of the world's most famous artists. The stock of chromos, frames, &c., together with the novelties in their line, is full and complete. The gallery will be open from seven A. M. to ten P. M. Admission free.

From the Pines.

Andrew Glenver, a resident of Pine township, and owner of a tract of land upon which the "scaly Pine tree" abounds, resolved to derive some benefit from the chief products of his farm, spruce pine, and the holiday season just the time to bring a wagon load of the same to the Second Street Market House, and when he found ready sale, his pocketbook swelled when he left home, was now plethoric with "greenbacks," but when he got back after, until his ill luck was filled with bad whiskey he found his way into Stinkards tavern, where he became involved in a game of "euchre" with a "sporting" chain, broke his glasses, &c. Officer Herriot was called in, and took Pine Tree Andy to the lockup. Alderman Heasley was called upon to investigate the matter, and required Glenver to pay a small fine, the costs of the case, and damages to the extent of a few dollars.

Before or After the Holidays.

One of the most beautiful of modern inventions, which has commanded the attention of every one to the ameliorations of the condition of working women, and is recognized by all housewives as indispensable, is the sewing machine, and the most meritorious of the many machines, if some better extended would be useful and praiseworthy, the supply the best and most complete machine in the world, the Wheeler & Wilson, as proved by the popular verdict, of course, where the demand has been a great one, No. 78 Fifth street, Pittsburgh, will be found always ready politely to exhibit and explain the many new combinations which have peculiar the merits of this machine beyond those of the best of its rivals, such a present as one of these machines, is at all times appreciated, but more especially—or after the holidays it is always in season, never out of season.

Magnificent Service at St. Paul's Cathedral

On Christmas morning at five o'clock Pontifical Mass by Rt. Rev. John Dominec, Bishop of Pittsburgh, assisted by Rev. Wall, President of St. Michael's Seminary.

The rare qualities of the music will be a treat. St. Clair's mass in G. Major, will be rendered for the first time in this city. The soprano solo by Miss Fannie Wilson, of Wheeling. Benedictus, a simple pastoral composed for the occasion by the young and accomplished organist of the Cathedral. There will also be an half past ten o'clock, Solemn High Mass, the sermon will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

The music etc., will be of a different character from that of the first mass. At four o'clock P. M., Solemn Pontifical Vespers, the music of which is by the young Italian composer H. Millard, and will be rendered for the first time in Pittsburgh. The following is the order, O! Salutaris, Trio, by Tuscano. Tantum ergo—composed by the Director of the Choir and will be rendered by the Misses Sabbot of St. Paul's choir.

The Children's Treat.

The advent of Merry Christmas was celebrated in a very pleasant manner last evening by the members of the North avenue M. E. Sunday School. Allegheny, who assembled in their beautiful school-room for their annual Christmas treat. The apartment had been tastefully decorated with evergreens, and presented a very pleasant appearance when filled with the large, but expressive audience upon the occasion of the entrance of the children with their happy, expectant faces. The exercises consisted of several pieces, which were followed with short addresses from the pastor, Rev. J. R. Hall, D. D., and Rev. Mr. Graham, the superintendent. Mr. Hall, the whole being crowned with the treat of good things, which consisted each of a bag containing two hundred delicious cakes, candy, to carry home sweet mementoes of the joyful occasion. Interesting and pleasant features of the evening were the presentations—testimonials of love and esteem which moved between many of the scholars and teachers, which, though not of great intrinsic value, exhibited in a happy degree the fine feeling existing among all. We say the pastor, the teachers and scholars of North avenue from the manner of Rev. Wm. Graham's close to their teacher, which came in the nature of a surprise to the recipient, may be congratulated upon the success of their Christmas festival. The occasion was one of good cheer and fraternal feeling throughout and marked the hour to one of the most pleasant in the remembrance of all.

CHILDREN ON THE PLATFORM.

The Fifth Ward, Allegheny, Schools—Exhibition of the Pupils—A Pleasant Evening's Entertainment—Facts and Figures from the Board.

The vacation in the public schools preceding the holidays was very pleasantly inaugurated last evening in the Fifth ward, Allegheny, with an exhibition participated in by the pupils of that district. The entertainment was held in the hall of the school building, which had been prettily decorated with evergreens for the occasion, and provided with a neat miniature stage, upon which the performers appeared to great advantage. There was in attendance an audience from among the best residents of the ward, which filled to overflowing the main hall and galleries upon either side. While in addition were the Board of Directors and a number of prominent educators from various sections of the two cities, who occupied seats upon the platform. A large size, handsome piano, upon which many of the vocal pieces performed, was a feature in the furnishment of the apartment which attracted attention and was the means by which to render them very pleasantly varied. The programme consisted of essays, readings, dialogues, declamations, tableaux, and vocal and instrumental music, by which the audience was entertained for several hours to the top of their feet indicated by the hearty applause and smilingly countenances of all. The young performers acquitted themselves well and in a manner of which others, older in years might have no reason to be ashamed. The exercises were in charge of the efficient principal of the school, whose success in this effort was only another proof of his worths, as an educator.

When the last performer had retired from the stage, the audience was treated to addresses by members of the Board of Directions. The Secretary of the Board, Mr. Wm. M. Cluney, suddenly stepping forward, addressed Mr. Vincent, and in a few well timed and expressive words presented him with an elegant gentleman's toilet set and a set of studs, the gift of the teachers under his charge. The recipient was taken completely by surprise, and was hardly able to reply, but was sufficiently self-possessed to return his thanks briefly and with feeling. The episode was one of the most pleasant character, and formed a most agreeable termination of a pleasant evening's entertainment.

A matter of some importance came up in connection with the exercises which was of considerable interest to at least the parents of the children who attended school. The money for the purchase and payment of the last furnaces, in behalf of the Board, alluded to the rumors which had circulated in reference to the building, and submitted a statement in reference to the work, from its inception originally, financially and otherwise. There was realized from the sale of Bonds and deposited with the Treasurer, $25,000, $5,000 of which was paid over to him by the insurance company to rebuild, after the fire, amounting to $30,500. Of the whole amount $18,532 has been spent for building of first and rebuilding, furnishing, repairing old school house on Chartiers street, insurance, &c., which left a balance in the treasury of $4,883.28, which would be depleted by the payment of sundry bills now due to the amount of $2,000, having a clear balance of $2,883.28 with which to commence 1871.

The bonded indebtedness of the Ward was stated to be $55,432.46, maturing during the next five years. During the past year, the debt had been decreased $6,760. This left the condition of the school fund as follows:

Cash in bank	$4,800.28
Bills due	2,182.00
Total	$2,721.28

VALUE OF PROPERTY.

New building	$70,000.00
Old building	4,000.00
Total assets	$76,721.28
Bonded indebtedness	$55,432.46
Assets over liabilities	21,288.82

The Board during the year had paid off all the mortgages on the real estate to get the advantage of the discount—as some of them had matured. The real estate owned by the ward cost $30,000.

There was received as the share of school fund for the Fifth ward from other wards as follows:

First ward $4,288.00; Second ward $5,286.00; Sixth ward $1,150.00; $7,360 of this was bonds and the school property on Chartiers street valued at $6,800.00.

In conclusion, the gentleman stated that in the building of the school house after the fire, the Board had exercised the greatest care and had engaged the best mechanics. Every endeavor was made to strengthen the walls. Before commencing to rebuild the Board had employed a mechanic to examine, they who unanimously announced them safe; all consulted were of the opinion that the walls were as strong as they could be made. Special contract had been made for strengthening the floors, and to guard against fire in the future, the smoke stack and flues constructed outside of the building. In everything, the Board had attempted to make the building safe and felt assured, if any serious accident should occur, that blame it was no. They simply made this statement to set at rest any fears that might be in the minds of any, from the fearful rumors, in regard to the safety of the building.

The statement was received with evident satisfaction on the part of the audience, who attested its truth, perhaps unconsciously, by a round of applause and stamping which seemed in no way to effect the structure.

THE COURTS.

United States District Court at Erie.

The January term of the United States District Court at Erie will commence on Monday, January 31, 1870. The trial lists are as follows:

BILLS OF INDICTMENT.

United States vs Conrad Fisher.
United States vs Jacob Bibercer.
United States vs Robert Mellor.
United States vs Jacob Bibercer.
United States vs John Koch and Jacob Koch.
United States vs James Graham.
United States vs Thomas Graham.
United States vs William Bloom.
United States vs Henry Kalvilage.
United States vs Catharine Fuess.
United States vs Jacob J. Conrad.

CIVIL CASES.

United States vs Ezekiel W. Crabbe, et al.
United States vs City Oil Works.
United States vs Ezekiel W. Crabbe, et al.
United States vs vs John Wright.
United States vs Jacob Bibercer.
United States vs one hundred barrels of beer owned by Henry Kalvilage.
United States vs Henry Kalvilage.

CASES AT ISSUE IN BANKRUPTCY.

Henry Stanton vs J. W. Fuller.
Edward B. Neal et al. vs Cook, Stearns, Clark & Co. vs H. H. Reynolds.
S. Hutchinson & Co. vs Charles A. Moore.
Clark, Hays & Co. vs Solomon & King.
J. B. Lewis & Co. vs Hathaway & Fulmer.
Clark, Hays & Co. vs George M. Griffin.
Non Assumpsit.
D. S. Clark vs William E. Beatty.
D. S. Clark vs J. H. Ruth.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

FRIDAY, Dec. 24.—Court met at 9 o'clock, a. m., Judge Sterrett on the bench.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs Wm. Pierce, indicted for libel, reported yesterday, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. T. M. Marshal, Esq. counsel for defendant, moved for a new trial in arrest of judgement and filed the following reasons:

1. The Court erred in charging that the evidence was sufficient to convict.
2. The Court erred in submitting the evidence to the jury.

In arrest of judgement.

1. The indictment is insufficient and does not set forth an indictable offense.
2. The indictment is insufficient to sustain a conviction.

William Anderson, indicted for misdemeanor under the act of 31st March, 1860, for the protection of livery stable keepers, was placed on trial. F. L. Ralsbourg, the prosecutor, is the proprietor of a livery stable. The defendant is a boy who accused hired a horse and buggy from him, and by carelessness did damage to the same, for which he was duly indicted by letters of the alphabet, as follows: A, just perceptible; B, gently brisk; C, pleasant breit; D, very brisk; E, fairly smart; F, very high wind; G, strong gale; H, violent gale; I, hurricane; J, most violent hurricane.

The following are the average hay figures from 1 to 6: 1 being clear, no cloud; 2, fair, ¼ to ½ cloud; 3, cloudy, ¾ to wholly covered; 4, light rain; 5, heavy rain; 6, snow.

The barometer is corrected for temperature, elevation and instrumental error.

JAS. YEAGER, Observer.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—There was a large audience at the Opera House last night, it being the occasion of a benefit to "Lotta." "Little Nell and the Marchioness" was presented, and Lotta in the title roles; she personated the characters with a truthfulness peculiar to Lotta only. She was ordinarily supported throughout, and the entertainment was a most exceedingly good one. She will appear at the matinee this afternoon, when an interesting bill will be presented, and a grand entertainment will be given this evening in which Lotta will appear.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The success which attended the Academy of Music during the past week is flattering. Mr. Beamer is a first class manager and if entrusted to conduct the Academy as established institution as a place of amusement if he continues to provide for his patrons such entertainments as he is now giving. The Colville troupe is a show within itself. D'Atalie, the man of the iron jaw in his wonderful feats of strength, astonishes all who have seen him, and Mr. Colville is the most accomplished acrobat and gymnast on the stage, while "Young Sepuy" in her daring feats in mid air on the trapeze, commands the admiration of the entire audience. A grand matinee will be given this afternoon and in the evening a first class performance will be rendered.

VARIETIES.—The large audiences which nightly assemble at the Varieties is the best evidence of the worth of the entertainment given at this popular place of amusement. The attractions are numerous and comprise some of the leading artists in the variety business. The matinee this afternoon will be a grand affair, as will also this evening's entertainment.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG.—The concert season so brilliantly opened by the Thomas Troupe, is about to be still further freshened and brightened by the return of Miss Kellogg. The American prima donna makes her entre on next Friday evening, when she will, with a company of her own selecting, preparatory to an extended tour throughout the West, on the return of the favorite singer to Pittsburgh is in itself a welcome event, but it has in this instance been made peculiarly interesting by the association with her of several artists whom the public never fail to honor. Miss Kellogg has always met with success in her musical ventures, whether in opera or concert, her pure voice, chaste and exquisite execution, and her charming ingenuousness of manner have merited and received the warmest praise. No American singer combines so many of the essentials of a perfect artist, and few have challenged the same equal respect in opera and concert.

Loss of the "Glendale."

From the St. Louis *Republican* we obtain the following particulars of the sinking of the "Glendale:" The steamer Glendale, of Pittsburgh, Capt. John Hare, which left here on Saturday evening, for Pittsburgh, freighted with 200 tons of iron ore, and 130 pigs of iron in the hold, and about 150 barrels of flour, when near Turkey island, about sixty miles below this port, struck some obstruction, which tore through her hull and caused her to sink in a very short time. She is now lying in nine feet of water, and may possibly be raised. She towed a barge, which becoming detached from the boat, floated down the river and is now tied up ten miles below the scene of the accident. The Glendale was built at Pittsburgh in 1866, for Capt. John Hare, Dr. W. Brickwell, E. McClure and Peter Kennedy. She was valued at $30,000 then. The latest valuation placed upon her was $22,000. She was insured for $7,500. There was no lives lost by this accident. The bell boat "Aid" went down to the scene of the disaster last evening. Her officers and crew have arrived in this city.

"Stages."

Among the thousand devices gotten up to attract customers and please the eye, perhaps there is not one in the city so neat, chaste and beautiful as may be seen at the sewing machine store of Straw & Morton, No. 29 Sixth street.

The frame work of their summer awning has been covered with evergreens, and tasteful festoons are pendant from the rafters, and the word SINGER, serving as a sign of their renowned sewing machine, is wrought ingeniously in perennial green, and arranged to lure the passer-by in to provide for wife, daughter, sister or friend a precious gift, for of his kind thoughtfulness is no less of the best sewing machines ever contrived by the wit of man.

A Lost Word.

This is the last day for selecting Christmas presents and as a last word we wish to advise our readers to visit the establishment of W. G. Dunseath, No. 78 Fifth avenue, before closing up the day's purchases. We know that they will find among the magnificent assortment of jewelry, including diamonds, ornaments and manifold ornaments at this place, something which will be highly prized by any friend upon which they may bestow it. Rings and bracelets, lockets and lorgnettes, opera glasses and grotesque ornaments, for the house or person, not to mention the watches for gentlemen or ladies or the thousand other little trinkets may be had at 56 Fifth avenue, cheap and good and beautiful. Visit 56.

Remember the Boy.

Make this Christmas one of pleasant memory to yourself, if to nobody else, by casting aside that threadbare suit, and supplying its place with one of those nobby outfits which can be had so reasonably at Wm. Hespenheide & Co.'s, No. 50 Sixth street. Certainly you cannot do better with your money, nor invest it in a manner which will give you more personal comfort and satisfaction. The advantage of this outlay will be apparent in the improvement in your spirits as well as your exterior appearance, for no man can be morose in a suit such as those which are turned out by Hespenheide & Co., No. 50 Sixth street.

Pre-Eminent.

The purchaser of a sewing machine at the present day is compelled to use great care and judgment in buying, on account of so many machines, entirely worthless, being in the market. But in dealing with a legitimate house, where legitimate machines are sold, the merits of the sewing machine purchased is the best information, to discover the case with the Florence Sewing Machine, sold by Heckert & McCain, at their warehouse, No. 6 Sixth street, who are gaining daily in their sales of a really meritorious machine. The advantages possessed by the Florence over all others can be proven by an inspection and trial.

"The Emigrant's Halt" by Reinhart at the Art Gallery.

Heinbeimer will anticipate Christmas a little to-day and set out a christmas feast at the Continental. Fifth avenue, below the Postoffice. Whatever your appetite longs for, either fish, flesh or fowl, pastry, confectionary call at the Continental and supply it. Holtzheimer proposes to make to-day's feast a memorable one for the guests of the establishment, and when he attempts anything in this line he generally succeeds. Drop in at the Continental to-day and test his skill and partake of the luxurious abundance which will crown the board.

Beautiful set painting at the Art Gallery.

Wind-Up.—Don't forget before closing out all your purchases to visit the premises, to call at Moorhead's, No. 81 Market street, and finish up by selecting something for children, the wife, or the girls. Rich, rare, useful, beautiful and stylish presents in gloves, scarfs, jubilee lace goods, velvets, trimmings, feathers, flowers, &c., &c., can be had at Moorhead's, No. 81 Market street.

Throat Affections and Hoarseness.—All suffering from *Irritation of the Throat* and *Hoarseness* will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "*Brown's Bronchial Troches.*" The demulcent ingredients allay pulmonary irritation; and, after public speaking or singing, when the throat is wearied and weakened by too much exercise, their use will give renewed strength to the vocal organs.

Don't fail to spend an hour at the Art Gallery.

The Life Association of America.

The seat of the Parent office of this Institution is at St. Louis, its character is essentially semi-national, or western, its plan includes the establishment of departments at the chief centres of western population and business, as at Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh &c., each of these departments is under the management of local Trustees, and all the funds received for premiums are to be invested within the respective departments, thereby securing all the attributes and advantages of a Local Insurance Company, the effects of which, if this plan were generally adopted in this city, would be to keep at home nearly a million of DOLLARS which is now annually withdrawn to eastern cities, and the advantage of its investment lost to this community. The advertisement of the Association in these columns presents the more striking features of the Association and its beneficent results, which may all be secured in like degree for Pittsburgh. They are strongly presented in the annexed article, which we clip from the *Missouri Republican*, merely adding that the management of the West Pennsylvania department has been wisely entrusted to Mr. James M. Magraum and Mr. Anthony M. Cochrane, in whose integrity, intelligence and judicious care of the interests of both the assured and the Association, those who may desire to insure may implicit confidence.

PRACTICAL BENEFITS OF LIFE INSURANCE.

Nothing so well illustrates the advantages of a project as the results actually produced. A few practical facts are worth a great deal of theory. The publication of a list of some forty losses, most of them for $10,000, which have been paid by a company little more than two years old, ought to produce an impression. We are not familiar with the pecuniary circumstances of the various families to whom these losses have been paid by the Life Association of America during the past two years, but we venture to say that in most instances the money received from the association, formed the best and certainly the most available part of the inheritance left by the husband and father. Exhibits of this class of persons who are still uninsured to examine the subject with care, as a neglect to do so may cause future bitter bereavement, and perhaps actual suffering hereafter.

The progress which the Life Association has made since its organization in 1868, is truly remarkable. Commencing as a purely mutual institution, without a dollar or capital, it has in a couple of years accumulated over two and a half millions, and has issued policies covering about forty-five millions of insurance, and securing to the company an annual revenue of nearly three million dollars. When we take into account the heavy expense usually incurred in establishing a new business and the large sums disbursed for the first payment of losses, it is proper surprise that the association could have accumulated assets in so short a time equal to twenty-a fourth of those of the oldest companies. Such achievements by a western company merit and will receive the admiration of western men.

Moorhead No. 81 Market street has an entire new assortment of Fancy Goods and Notions, suitable for holiday presents, and just the articles to be appreciated. Drop in there to-day before going home, and see what you want to fill up the complement of presents which you need.

Where to Purchase Home-Made Jewelry.

Jewelry, no matter how humble, if good, is the most appropriate present one can make to a friend during the holidays. That this fact is thoroughly appreciated we can imply evidenced by the crowd of purchasing patrons who throng the elegant salesrooms of Mr. C. Terheyden, No. 139 Smithfield street, where a most judicious stock of goods may be displayed. This is a manufacturing establishment—the only one in the city—and all jewelry sold is considered and bought honest price for the holidays, and just the thing for presents.

Crowds on Fifth avenue, and daily flocking to the jewelry store of James R. Reed & Co., No. 63, to buy a golden gift for some dear one as a memento of a merry Christmas. Go and see them.

Art Gallery open during the holidays.

Golden Gifts.—If you want a really meritorious and appreciative Christmas gift, you should go to James R. Reed & Co.'s jewelry store, No. 63 Fifth avenue, and buy.

Rothermel's great picture at the Art Gallery.

John Stevenson's Sons & Co., 93 Market street, have opened for the holidays a fine assortment of

DIAMONDS,	WATCHES,
STONE CAMEOS,	BRACELETS,
CHAINS,	JEWELRY,
BRONZES,	PARIAN,
STERLING SILVER, &C.,	PLATED WARE, &C

Everybody should know that the finest stock of perfumeries, foreign and American fancy goods, etc., is at M. J. McGann's drug store, corner of Fifth avenue and Ross street.

Here We Present You.

The "Florence," decidedly the best machine in the market. Sold on monthly payments.

Find Everything Desirable in the Werd Family Favorite Sewing Machine. It will sew anything, from finest lawn to a piece of sole leather, without injury.

Paintings 17 feet high at the Art Gallery.

Rustic and wire baskets, gold fish, aquariums, etc., at John R. & A. Murdoch's, 112 Smithfield street. No. 112, opposite Postoffice. a

Call into James R. Reed & Co.'s store, No. 63 Fifth avenue, and examine the large and beautiful stock of watches, diamonds, gold chains and chronometer, duplex, lever and other fine watches, which they have ready for the holidays, and just the thing for presents.

The "Motto of the Day is

Buy a Florence! Buy a Florence!!
HECKERT & McCAIN.
No. 6 Sixth street

All will be delighted with a visit to Macrum & Carlisle's wholesale and retail trimming and notion house, No. 27 Fifth avenue. Holiday goods just received.

If you want to warm up your body and by that means warm up your heart, call in to-day at Holtzheimer's and greet your eyes and feast yourself upon the delicacies rich and rare, and juicy, and tempting and palatable and nutritious, spread out upon his board in honor of the advent of the Merry Christmas time.

Go and see the "Christian Mother" at the Art Gallery.

Buy Your Wife a Present.—Go to James R. Reed & Co.'s jewelry store, No. 63 Fifth avenue, and buy her a set of beautiful jewelry which they have for Christmas presents.

Delighted crowds every evening at the U. P. Mission Church Fair, corner of Van Braam and Locust streets.

Holiday Goods.—The best selection in the city just opened at the stationing and notion house of Macrum & Carlisle, No. 27 Fifth avenue. b

What's in a Name?

Much, sometimes "The Florence" is a first class Sewing Machine, and has an appropriate name.

Holiday Presents, at John R. & A. Murdoch's, 112 Smithfield street, opposite Postoffice. a

Choice Presents can be selected readily at the wholesale and retail trimming and notion house of Macrum & Carlisle, No. 27 Fifth avenue.

The finest perfumeries at most reasonable prices, at McGann's Fifth avenue drug store, corner of Ross street.

Beautiful Flowers, for weddings and parties at John R. & A. Murdoch's, 112 Smithfield street, near Fifth avenue. a

$100,000 worth of paintings at the Art Gallery.

Chinese Museum.—A large and most interesting collection of Chinese curiosities at the eight U. P. Church Fair, corner of Van Braam and Locust streets.

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"The Christian Martyrs" at the Art Gallery.

Fern Cases, at John R. & A. Murdoch's, 112 Smithfield street, opposite Postoffice. a

Lions Handkerchiefs, hosiery, lace goods, zephyr goods, slipper patterns, gloves, etc., just opened at Macrum & Carlisle's, No. 27 Fifth avenue. b

Have You Been

"The Florence?" If you have not, call immediately at No. 6 Sixth street".

Biernadt, Wittkamp, McEntee, Shattuck, De Haas.

SCIENTIFIC.

RAIN is annually becoming more frequent in Egypt, in consequence of an extensive increase in the cultivation of palms there.

It is believed by some astronomers that the planets Venus and Jupiter, as well as the earth, contribute by their attraction to the formation of specks on the sun's disc.

THE narcotic effects of tobacco can be entirely neutralized, says Dr. Thompson of Nashville, by the use of a few drops of sassafras oil.

THE use of lead, instead of lint, in dressing wounds, is recommended by a French writer, who says that it feels soft and cool to the wounded parts and that the formation of a very thin layer of the sulphuret of lead impedes putrefaction.

SIR RODERICK MURCHISON says that native tribes who have lately arrived on the Zanzibar coast of Africa from the interior, still believe that Dr. Livingstone is alive. Direct news from him is hoped for by some caravans which are expected to reach Zanzibar soon.

THE extreme heat of last summer in this country and Europe, was also accompanied on the Pacific Ocean by a remarkably low temperature. Observations made on board the mail steamships running between San Francisco and Japan indicated, very cold weather along their route.

MODERN naturalists are fast becoming disposed to regard what we have been accustomed to call instinct in animals, as but a lower form of the same faculty that we term reason in ourselves; as, for example, the nest-building instinct of birds and the cell-constructing instinct of bees.

ELECTRICIANS have been trying, for some time past, to discover how to send two messages at the same time along a single wire. The London papers state that Mr. C. F. Varley has at last solved the problem, and has devised a method by which four currents at once can be delivered by a single wire.

IN NEW ZEALAND, the telegraph is systematically used for observing the course and speed of earthquakes. If a shock is felt at any one station, the operator immediately communicates the facts to distant places, in order that a subsequent comparison of notes may furnish information as to the exact direction and time of the convulsion.

IN Wales, the Milky-way is called the *Road* or *Way of the Wind*. This appellation is derived from an ancient Welsh tradition that the point of the compass, in the direction in which the Milky-way appears at night, indicate that on the morrow the wind will blow from that quarter. This belief is also held by the Scandinavians *The Road of Winter*.

THE gigantic sea-walls on the coast of England, built to protect extensive districts from the inroads of the ocean, are greatly damaged at times by the heavy gales which rage along the British coast. The sea forces itself into the interstices between the bricks or stone, and thus undermines the structure. The difficulty in constructing permanent sea walls is the want of a cement which has the property of hardening rapidly in water, combined with durability. The interval of a tide is not sufficient to allow the best cement in use to harden before high water returns. Some years ago, however, Capt. Cochrane, of the Royal Navy, induced the engineer of one of these walls to try a cement made of bitumen found on one of his estates in Trinidad. One ton of this bitumen, mixed in the proportions of gravel and a little gas tar and lime, has been found admirably adapted for cementing sea walls and quite inexpensive. Experiments show that the tenacity with which the bituminous cement adheres to stones, iron, brick or wood, and the rapidity with which it sets, are so great that when once joined and the material broken with a hammer, the fracture is generally through the bricks or stone, in preference to the film of cement.

THE SOUTH.

THE Florida courts have run short of judges.

MEMPHIS is to have a Merchants' Exchange.

DESPERATE Memphis threatens a vigilance committee.

THE Louisville *Courier-Journal* is the main prop on which McCreery and his Arlington bill rest.

JACOB BOMERS, Esq., has just been elected Mayor of Greenville, Tennessee, for the seventh time.

GOLD has been found in Llano county, Texas, and a company has been formed to work the mines.

THE people of Memphis are going to petition the Legislature to abolish their board of Councilmen.

A MEMPHIAN has recovered thirteen cents damages for breaking his leg in a sewer. He says he be derned if he don't move.

THE Brantley vendetta, in Mississippi, has had another development; the third of the Brantley brothers having been shot dead in a railroad station by an unseen assassin, who fired through the window.

THE farmers of Mississippi are to meet in Convention next month for the purpose of agreeing upon some plan by which they may be enabled to co-operate with each other in developing the agricultural resources of the State.

A MAN named King, of Stokes county, North Carolina, who wants more wives than the law allows, left the State last year for Utah. He has returned to his native county convinced that there is a great deal more of Utah religion than is put down on paper—at least, he found it to be the case—and not liking it, has come home again.

THE Portage county *Democrat* says: Having felt a little curiosity on the dried apple question, we have interviewed the dealers here and ascertained that the purchasers of this fruit in Revenna up to this of the crop of 1870, from producers in the country, amounts, in round numbers, to 225,000 pounds. This amount of fruit at 6 cents per pound amounts to the comfortable sum of $13,500. The quantity of dried apples shipped from Revenna by produce brokers amounts to considerable more than this, but we have aimed to include in this statement only the quantity produced in the county. There are buyers in other parts of the county, purchasers of dried apples, could they be ascertained, would show that this crop is no significant item, and brings a good deal of money, even at six cents a pound.

STATE POLITICS.

THE Sharon *Times* nominates the Hon. M. C. Trout, of Mercer county as the next Democratic candidate for Governor of this State.

THE Carlisle *Herald* says: The Pennsylvania Legislature will convene on the third of January. From present indications Mr. James Webb, of Bradford, one of the most honest and conscientious Legislators ever sent to Harrisburg, will be chosen speaker. The business of the session will be varied and important.

THE Mercer *Dispatch* in speaking of the candidates for the next Speakership of the House says: The northwest has not had a speaker since H. C. Johnson, nor the west since J. P. Glass, and it is therefore not unreasonable that she should now present a man and earnestly press his claims for the position. Hon J. D. McJunkin, of Venango county, is the only candidate presented from this part of the State, and it is but reasonable and just that he have an earnest endorsement for the position.

THE Bedford *Inquirer* remarks: Protection to our industry is the policy of the American people. Free Trade has always been repudiated by the people, and its advocates have never dared to go before them on a fair issue, but have usually professed protective principles until after their election has been secured, when they came out in their true colors and struck their treacherous blows at the best interests of the people. This was the policy adopted by George M. Dallas and James K. Polk in 1844, the only time, in a generation when there has been a contest on this question. The same policy was adopted this fall in the Congressional elections. The Democrats who were elected and are now claimed as free traders have almost invariably either ignored the issue, like Meyers in this district, and tried covertly to appear as protectionists, or like Speer in the Cambria District openly professed to be protectionists. The people know their interests and wherever free traders are elected it is as a rule accomplished by fraud or deception.

OHIO.

THE Coshocton *Age*, of the 16th inst., says: Last Monday night an unknown man stopped at the United States Hotel. Pleading sickness he retired at an early hour. On Wednesday morning not appearing at breakfast, his room was entered and the occupant found dead in his bed.

THE Alliance *Moitor* of the 26th inst., pronounces the report that Alliance College is closed to be "false." The affairs of the College move on as usual, with a full winter attendance. The *Monitor* adds: "It is hoped that the financial basis can be supported as to keep it open." The writer of the article in the *Monitor* makes a vigorous and passionate appleal to the "Disciple brotherhood" for pecuniary aid.

The Carroll *Free Press* says: A boy about sixteen years of age, named J. J. Roudebush, was terribly gored by a bull, on Friday evening, December 9th, at the home of his uncles, John Roudebush, in East township, that he only lived about 24 hours afterward. He was attending to the stock of his uncle, who was away from home with a threshing machine, at the time the boy led him to the stable and as he was tying him, the animal gored him in the region of the lungs, and then, with a single toss of the head, threw him over his back, to the rear. The boysurvived his injuries but 24 hours when death put an end to his sufferings.

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MARRIED:

HARRISON—EWING—On Thursday evening, December 22, 1870, by Rev. John Douglas D.D., Mr. ISAAC HARRISON, of Pittsburgh, and Miss BELLA EWING, of Allegheny.

DIED:

LEE—On Thursday morning, December 23, 1870, CHARLES ST. LEE, in the twenty-second year of his age.

Funeral will take place from the residen ce of his parents, No. 98 Diamond street, THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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